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OUTLINES.

Shots were fired at Attorney General Caldwell, chief prosecutor in the night rider case at Union City, Tenn., last night as he was nearing his home. The would-be murderer was chased by a posse but managed to escape. The defense in the trial rested its case yesterday——Cardenio F. King, a former North Carolinian, convicted of larceny in Boston last Tuesday spent yesterday in the detention penitentiary. He was released last night after giving a bond of $35,000——The "wets" in Roanoke, Va., are preparing to contest the election on the grounds that the Ward law under which the election was held is unconstitutional——The accounts the people are giving of their individual experiences in the Messina disaster are heart rending——President Roosevelt has sent $300,000 worth of supplies to the sufferers by the earthquakes and has put the battleship fleet at the disposal of the Italian government——Congressman Burton was nominated for the Senate yesterday——The dismissal from office of Yuan Shi-Kai, Grand chancellor of China, causes consternation among foreign diplomats. They fear serious trouble——Receivers are appointed for the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad——There is another slight uprising in Venezuela over the killing of a Gomez follower by Governor of a province——A Messina dispatch by Figaro's correspondent says the horrors of the situation are increasing. The full scope of the disaster is not yet known——Taft says he will hardly complete his Cabinet before March 4th. He was visited by a Birmingham delegation and he promised to visit that city in the near future. He will also visit Athens and perhaps other Southern cities as soon as he can find time to do so——Mrs. Erb yesterday testified in behalf of herself and sister in their trial for the killing of her husband——New York markets: Money on call nominal, time loans dull and easy. Turpentine firm at 31 1-2. Rosin steady. Peanuts quiet and unchanged.

Two thunderstorms for Christmas day is Concord's record.

How many times have you written 1908 since Friday morning?

When Beach Hargis gave his $25,000 bond that was probably the last of the case.

The Durham Herald remarks: "You may be able to get it now, but not in such variety."

You have not yet broken the resolution not to enter a saloon in the State this year, have you?

Taft will not use the big stick. He will only sit down on 'em as being less strenuous exercise.

Georgia sends greetings to North Carolina. We hope she will not also send directions for working the blind tiger.

No more leap year, girls, until 1912. Those of you who have missed your chance last year will have to wait four years longer.

Atlanta is talking about trying to make the automobile over-speeding fines compensate for the deficit in the near beer tax.

Another North Carolina editor says that although he did not vote for prohibition, the "law can't be made too tight" to suit him.

The Chicago authorities, who are trying to break up social bridge playing, must be in collusion with the professional gamblers.

That Durham youth who succeeded in fooling two lawyers with a forged mortgage and getting away with the money must be a slick one.

Taft does not play golf on Sunday. Those who condemn him on account of his religious views should give him credit for this part of his religion.

It would take a man with a great deal of self-conceit to be willing to predict where or when the next South or Central American political trouble will break out.

The Russian Orthodox Church is reported as having condemned Tolstoy thus: "Cursed be thou, miserable liar." It must approve of Roosevelt's Ananias Club scheme.

We take it that Senator Aldrich's announcement that the country isn't ready yet for the postal savings bank means that it is not going to get it from this Congress.

Castro came in for a great deal of abuse; but it is since he has quit the things he was abused for doing that the hardest charge has been brought against him—that of being a quitter.

That dispensary across the river at Savannah is a puzzle to Taft. He says he is going to ask Senator Tillman to explain its working to him. The Senator will do so in Tillmanic style no doubt.

THE NEW CONDITIONS

Different Phases of The Prohibition iStuation as Being Observed in Wilmington.

DRUGG[illegible] PRESCRIPTIONS

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This With Near [illegible] License Will be Subjects of, Consideration at Meeting of Board of Aldermen Monday Night—Arrests.

Wilmington is rapidly adjusting itself to the new conditions brought about by prohibition and all sorts of questions are being asked and answered with a variety of opinion as to the ultimate result of the change upon business and the morals of the city.

Although Saturday and near the first of the month, yesterday was admittedly quiet. There seemed to be the usual number of people on the streets yesterday afternoon but last night the absence of the usual throngs was a subject of remark. Inquiry as to the usual volume of trade in the retail stores varied as to whether the proprietors were for or against prohibition. A most noticeable feature of the day was the fact that up to last night at 11:30 o'clock not a single arrest for any cause had been made by the police and that, too, when the men going on duty for the night had received special instructions from Acting Captain C. S. Burnett to look carefully out for drunkenness and send promptly to the station house any persons found staggering or swaggering around on the streets, using, of course, the discretion which properly belongs to a man as an officer of the law.

Several druggists yesterday raised the question as to whether or not they could fill prescriptions for liquor from regular practicing physicians, the attorneys for several of them advising them that they could in the absence of an official refusal on the part of the Board of Aldermen to grant licenses. The Aldermen and County Commissioners some time ago merely expressed themselves as opposed to the granting of such licenses without taking a formal vote and some of the attorneys claim that until there is an official refusal on the part of the Aldermen to grant license to druggists, they may fill prescriptions under the general State law. Mayor Springer asked for an opinion from the City Attorney and this will be presented at the meeting tomorrow night at which time it is expected that some definite action will be taken.

There were also yesterday many inquiries at the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer in regard to licenses for dealers in near beer and other such products. There is no subdivision under the general tax ordinance by which such dealers may be taxed except as general dealers in merchandise, who pay $1 per month and 10 cents per $100 on all sales in advance. Containing less than 2 per cent. alcohol, such drinks are clearly not prohibited under the law and as they will be sold anyway, the Aldermen are wondering if it would not be as well to place a tax to cover the cases of several applicants for license to do business of the kind. Where soda fountains are conducted, it is stated that under the present police regulations, such places may actually keep open on Sunday. It is stated that a number of former saloon keepers propose to open near-beer dispensaries in the places formerly occupied by them. This has brought up the question of whether or not the screens will be permitted to continue. Several who applied to the authorities yesterday were told that suspicion would naturally be directed toward their places with the screens remaining up, but there was no law for the present to compel them to remove them.

These and other kindred matters in connection with the changed order of things are expected to occupy a large part of the session of the Board of Aldermen on Monday night.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

First of New Year Held by Presiding Elder Cuninggim at Rocky Point.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Jan. 2.—The first quarterly conference of the Burgaw Circuit was held here today. After an excellent sermon by Presiding Elder W. L. Cuninggim, a splendid dinner was served by the ladies here who are famous for these proceedings. Rev. Mr. Cuninggim presided over the conference and Mr. R. I. Durham was secretary. The following delegates were present: Rocky Point, J. E. Durham, R. S. Futch, W. W. Persall, Stewarts E. D. Pearsall, Grattan Williams, trustees church property; Wallace, J. S. Westbrook, T. Q. Hall; Herring's Chapel, J. F. Herring, H. M. Page, R. J. Herring; Jordan's Chapel, Geo. W. Walker; Trinity Church, D. W. Murray. Only two churches were not represented. All reports from the churches were very gratifying. The next quarterly conference will be held at Wallace.

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AN IMPROVISED BOMB

Outrageous Act of Thoughtless or Dangerous Person Late Friday Night in Throwing Into Residence. No Clue to Parties.

Whether with malicious intent or very dangerously in the spirit of a holiday prank is not known, an improvised bomb made from a piece of 2-inch gas pipe coupling was thrown into the residence of Mr. Walter Rivenbark, No. 601 North Fourth street, shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday morning.

The bomb exploded with loud report in a front room in which Mr. and Mrs. Rivenbark were sleeping and that both of them were not killed or seriously injured appears a miracle. The explosion tore the window sash from the room and the piece of gas pipe was hurled with violence and securely imbedded in a large hole in the wall. Mr. and Mrs. Rivenbark were naturally much startled by the explosion, which awoke a number of people in the neighborhood, including Mr. C. D. Johnson and family who occupy rear rooms in the residence. As soon as occupants of the house realized what had been done, the police were notified but absolutely nothing could be discovered that would furnish a clue to the outrageous act. Mr. Rivenbark knows of no reason why anyone should desire to do him harm and hardly can believe that the bomb was thrown with malicious intent. Yet the affair was so daring and at such an unseemly hour of the night that it is hard to account for it otherwise.

One end of the gas pipe was still plugged up when it was taken from the wall and the other end was split by the bursting of what was evidently some high explosive with which the tube had been filled. There was nothing to indicate whether the bomb had been set off by a fuse or by the concussion as it was hurled through the window. Whether the act of the party or parties unknown was in a spirit of fun or intended with malice the proceeding was a very dangerous one and the guilty ones will be made to suffer if they are apprehended.

PORT STATISTICS.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores For Month of December.

The official statistics of the receipts and exports of cotton and naval stores at the local port were posted at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday for the month of December and in comparison with the same month last year there is a falling off in almost all items, decidedly so in cotton, which shows a decrease of over 37,000 bales.

The receipts have been very light during the past month, averaging not over 1,200 a day, the largest for any one day being on December 23rd when 3,655 bales were received. The price has ranged from 8 to 8 1-2 cents for middling.

The total foreign exports for the month were 58,691 bales against 110,021, same month last season. The total domestic is 1,116 bales against only 800 last year. The receipts for the crop year to January 1st are 300,094 against 374,863 up to the same time last year.

The receipts of naval stores for the month are as follows: Spirits 461 casks; rosin 5,784 barrels; tar 6,702 barrels; crude 1,208 barrels. Same month last year: Spirits 595 casks; rosin 4,427 barrels; tar 5,766 barrels; crude 1,236 barrels. An increase in the receipts of rosin and tar is noted for the month in comparison with last year.

Combined With Wilmington Co.

Mr. J. Hargrove Taylor gives notice that with the first of the year, he has combined his interest with that of the Wilmington Grocery Company, where, with a large and well selected stock of high grade and staple groceries, he is better prepared to serve his customers than ever before. He thanks his friends and customers for their liberal patronage in the past and respectfully solicits their continued support in the future. Mr. Taylor may be found at the store of the Wilmington Grocery Company.

Boy Missing From Home.

It was reported to the police station last night about 7 o'clock that Walter Mintz, 13 years old, had been missing from his home in the northern part of the city since Friday morning when he announced that he was going gunning with several companions. The boy's father, Mr. James Mintz, was very much concerned over the continued absence of the boy and asked the police to look out for him. At a late hour last night, no word of the lad had been received, so far as the police station was informed.

The Collegians Won.

In the basket ball game at the Y. M. C. A. last night the collegians won from the Association team in a score of 16 to 4. The Y. M. C. A. scored its only points in the first half and all were credited to Thees, forward. The collegians scored eight in each half, Newkirk at centre making six in the first and four in the second half. "Pete" Houston made two points in each half and Wilkinson, a guard, two in the second. The game was a live and interesting one.

Baggage! Baggage! Baggage! Checks given for each piece. Orrell Livery Co. 'Phone 47. de 31-4t.

TEACHERS OF STATE

Annual Session of Assembly to be Held This Year at Morehead City.

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

State, Private and Savings Banks. East Carolina Teachers' Training School — Insurance Department's Work—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—The 1909 session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will be held at the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, June 15th to 18th, inclusive. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee of the Assembly here today."

"It is the erstwhile home of the assembly from which it strayed six years ago and is now to have a homecoming," according to the announcement made today by Secretary R. D. W. Connor, who says the home-coming is to be made notable by a programme now being prepared that will prove the most interesting and instructive in the 26 years' history of the Assembly. The management of the hotel is announced to have pledged special arrangements for the accommodation of the Assembly that assure the comfort and pleasure of all. The executive committee, which met today, is composed of T. R. Foust, president; D. H. Hill, vice president; R. D. W. Connor, secretary; Supts. Harry Howell, L. C. Brogden, Dr. J. R. Bridges, J. F. Webb, R. L. Moore and Miss Edith Royster.

Statements of the condition of State private and savings banks of North Carolina at the close of business Nov. 27th, show an aggregate of $47,915,076 resources and deposits; time subject to checks and certificates of deposit, $31,995,996. These figures show a slight gain over the summary of a year ago and over that of three months ago. There are 306 banks, an increase of eight the past three months.

The Adjutant General commissions R. Hunter Smith and W. R. Pate first and second lieutenants, First Coast Artillery, Newbern, and W. W. Holder second lieutenant, Company C, First Infantry, Winston.

State Supt. Joyner and Mr. C. H. Mebane, of the State Department of Education, spent today at Greensboro attending a meeting of the trustees of the State Normal and Industrial College, formulating recommendations to the General Assembly as to appropriations for maintenance and improvements

The Governor issues a proclamation for the North Carolina Presidential electors to meet in Raleigh Jan. 11th at noon to vote for President and Vice President of the United States and appoint a messenger to convey to Washington the result of the vote in this State.

The State Insurance Commissioner makes demand on the American Financing Co., of Richmond, Va., to show cause why the company should not be required to take out license in this State before making further sales of stock for the proposed McNeely Saloon & Compress Co. North Carolina, as developed in the matter of the Seminole Securities Co., is the only State in the Union requiring such license before making sales of stock to the people of the State.

Assistant Insurance Commissioner W. A. Scott has gone to the Western part of the State to investigate several suspicious fires that have occurred there of late.

That the Legislature to convene next week is to be asked for a $50,000 appropriation for the completion of the Eastern Carolina Teacher Training School is the statement made by members of the State Board of Education and other State officers who went to Greenville this week to inspect the progress on the building and grounds for this institution to be thrown open for teacher training next Fall. Governor Glenn in commenting on the situation and the school as he found it says the State has procured the finest institution for the least money on record. The State has expended $15,000 and has a plant worth $150,000, having gotten $100,000 from Greenville and Pitt county, and a site worth not less than $30,000 for $8,000. With the additional appropriation of $50,000 asked at this time the State will have for $65,000 a splendid plant worth $200,000 to accommodate 300 girls and boys being trained for teaching in the public schools. He declares that there is a great future for the institution and that it will do as great a work for Eastern Carolina as the State Normal and Industrial College has done and is doing for Western Carolina, there being ample room for both.

To The Beach.

Today cars to the Beach every half hour in afternoon. Concert at Lumina at 3:30 P. M. **

Big price reduction on overcoats and Raincoats at J. M. Solky & Company's. Now is your time to get one. **

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COUNTY TEACHERS MEET

Interesting Exercises Yesterday at Court House—Visit From Prof. Noble—Valuable Paper Read. Other Notes.

The county teachers held a splendid meeting at the Court House yesterday morning, with Professor M. C. S. Noble, head of the department of pedagogy at the University of North Carolina, and Mr. Wingate Underhill, principal of the Hemenway School, as guests of honor.

The assembly was marked by an excellent attendance of teachers and aside from the routine matters preparatory for the New Year's work, an interesting and instructive paper and two addresses, appropriate to the work of the schools, were heard.

The association heard a valuable and entertaining address from Professor Noble, his remarks being on the subject, "How to Interest School Children," bringing out some valuable points in connection with the schools, which were of great interest to the teachers.

A carefully prepared paper upon the subject, "School Children's Love For Good Literature and Suggestions for Arousing Their Interest," was presented by Miss Theola Horton, who has charge of District School No. 12, on the Castle Haynes road. The subject was handled very intelligently and afforded a topic for a general discussion among those present. At the close of the meeting Professor Catlett, county superintendent, made a short address, and the association expressed much pleasure in having with them Professor Noble and Mr. Underhill.

JONES ARRIVES WITH TOW.

Arrived Early Yesterday Morning From Kingston, Via Brunswick.

After a successful voyage to Kingston, Jamaica, and return with the schooner Carrie A. Norton in tow, the tug Alexander Jones, Capt. W. A. Sanders, arrived in port yesterday at 3 A. M. from Brunswick, Ga., where she touched to obtain supplies. The Norton was dismasted in a storm last July and since has been in distress, having recently been purchased by the Gilbert Transportation Company and will be towed north, where she will undergo repairs. The tug Jones will likely carry her the entire distance and a representative of the company from Lewes, Delaware, will arrive Monday to take charge of the schooner.

The schooner remained yesterday at quarantine and the tug only proceeded up to the city. Capt. Sanders and his crew were heartily welcomed upon their return and gave a most interesting description of their voyage. Mr. Ed B. Moore, of Wilmington, went along for the novelty of the trip and brought home a number of interesting souvenirs including a pair of "poll parrots" and Dame Rumor says, also a cage of West Indian monkeys.

MR. SMITH'S FUNERAL.

Held From Home Yesterday Afternoon—Interment in Bellevue.

Impressive services over the remains of Mr. Robert W. Smith, who passed away Friday afternoon following an illness of some weeks, were held from the home on Orange street yesterday at 4 o'clock, attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

The services were conducted by Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church, assisted by Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor of Trinity church. Following the services at the home the remains were conveyed to Bellevue cemetery, where they were interred. The nephews of the deceased acted as pall-bearers as follows: Messrs. F. B. and W. F. LeGwin, Jas. L. Donnelly, Robert H. Jarman, and J. Hardy and Robt. H. LeGwin.

Hearing Will be Held Here.

A hearing which will likely consume several days, will commence Monday in the Federal Court room in this city before ex-Judge J. A. McCulloch, of Greenville, S. C., standing master in the case of the Kanawha Lumber Company, of Conway, S. C., relative to the administration of the receivers on conflict of creditors' claims. Attorneys to appear at the hearing are Messrs. Rountree & Carr, Meares & Ruark, of this city, Wilcox & Wilcox, of Florence, S. C., and ex-Congressman R. B. Scarborough, of Conway, S. C.

Presentation of "The Mikado."

The presentation of "The Mikado", a part of the proceeds of which will be given to the Associated Charities, will take place on Friday evening, Jan. 15th, at the Academy of Music. Persons having tickets to same, will kindly make returns for them as early as possible to Mr. R. H. Cowan.

New Year Resolutions of a Thrifty Man.

1—Resolved. To save more and spend less.

2—Resolved. To place my savings in a good strong Savings Bank.

3—Resolved. To increase my principal by the addition of 4 per cent. Compound Interest.

4—Resolved. That after due consideration I have selected The People's Savings Bank as my depository, and I invite my friends to do likewise.

(Signed) THE THRIFTY MAN.

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AFTERNOON WEDDING

Miss Allie Cranmer Morris, Attractive Young Bride of Mr. J. M. Whitfield.

WERE MARRIED YESTERDAY

Pretty Ceremony at Home of Bride's Parents in This City—Reception Followed and Young People Left for Florida.

One of the prettiest of the home weddings celebrated in Wilmington this season was that of Miss Allie Cranmer Morris, the accomplished young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris, of this city, and Mr. J. M. Whitfield, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitfield, of Lumberton, N. C., which was celebrated at half after five o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, No. 815 Chesnut street, the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, officiating.

The home was beautifully decorated in green and white and was thronged with friends and admirers of the young people. The wedding marches were played by Mrs. Mattie L. Chasten and promptly at the appointed hour the party entered to the tuneful strains of a chorus from Lohengrin. Miss Carrie Ortman attended the bride as maid of honor and Mr. J. D. Colwell was the groom's best man. Other members of the bridal party were Miss Esther Alexander, Miss Ellie White, Miss Ortman and Miss Stellings, of Charleston, S. C. When the couple had taken their places at a beautifully improvised altar in the front parlor of the home, Dr. McClure impressively spoke the service which united the hands and hearts of the young people for life. The exit from the room was to the tuneful strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March and the young people were showered with the happy congratulations of the friends assembled. The beautiful ring service was used and the bride was given away by her father.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a brown traveling suit with hat to match and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor was pretty in white costume with hat to match and carried a lovely bouquet of white carnations.

A reception followed the wedding ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield left on the 7 o'clock northbound train transferring to the fast train at Rocky Mount for a bridal trip to Tampa, Fla., where they will be at home in the future. The popularity of the young people was evident from the large number of handsome wedding presents at the home.

Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield, parents of the groom, from Lumberton. The groom has been connected with the A. C. L. general offices in this city for the past two years but was recently transferred to Tampa, Fla., in the nature of a promotion in the service. He is a young man of marked ability as his rapid promotion has proved. The bride by her lovable disposition and fine traits of character has endeared herself to a large circle of friends, who will be pleased to receive her upon frequent visits which it is hoped she will make to her home here.

FILED DEED OF TRUST

G. D. Phares Furniture Company Goes Into Liquidation Jan. 1st.

A deed of trust from the G. D. Phares Furniture Company to Herbert McClammy, Esq., trustee, was filed for record at the office of the Register of Deeds early yesterday afternoon. The instrument sets forth that the Company is desirous of winding up its affairs and going out of business; that it is perfectly solvent and able to pay off and discharge every dollar of its indebtedness and the trusteeship is for the purpose merely of securing an equitable distribution of its property and effects amongst its creditors and paying off and discharging in full every debt against it.

The action was taken at a meeting of the stockholders Jan. 1st and the company announces that the action is in no sense a failure, but simply a liquidation. The company has been doing business at 108 Dock street and Mr. A. C. Sneed is president and Mr. G. D. Phares, secretary.

Marine Engineers Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association No. 71, held at its hall on Wednesday night, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, John W. Frederick; Vice President, James Copeland; Recording Secretary, W. F. Greer; Corresponding Secretary, W. A. Furlong; Financial Secretary and Treasurer, J. J. Bell; Doorkeeper, Joe E. Frink; Conductor, T. H. Hawkins; Chaplain, John Reynolds. The association is 31 members strong and is in fine condition financially. The annual meeting of the National Association of Marine Engineers will meet in Washington, D. C., this month and this association recommends T. H. Hawkins for District Deputy of North Carolina.

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THE TURPENTINE INDUSTRY.

The United States Government, under an appropriation made at the last session of Congress, has been engaged during the last five months in an investigation of much interest to the naval stores producers. It is looking into the timber supply as it is related to this industry of the Southern States. The need has been felt by those engaged in this industry of accurate data as to the turpentine producing timber supply.

The inquiry has also been as to the much mooted subject of injury to the timber by bleeding for crude turpentine, and special effort has been made to ascertain reliable facts bearing upon this phase of the investigation. Statistics of production were also secured. Careful study was also made of the extent of use and practicability of the new cup system for collecting the crude turpentine from the trees. These are all subjects of great importance in connection with this industry. A statement sent out by the Department of Agriculture states that the data collected in the investigation are now being brought together in a report which will later be published. Some of the points brought out are as follows:

"The new cup systems of gathering the gum, whereby the injurious hole or 'box' cut in the tree to catch the gum has been replaced by a cup hung on the tree, have generally proved both practical and profitable, and are everywhere gaining in favor.

"As compared with the old and exceedingly injurious 'box' system these new methods unquestionably lessen the injury done to the timber and lengthen the average life of the tree after bleeding. This increase in efficiency is due to the fact that the cup systems render the tree less susceptible to damage by subsequent fires.

"The United States Forest Service men who made the investigation found the field of the turpentine operator is moving westward. As the available timber in the older sections of the Eastern States becomes exhausted the operator moves farther West in search of new fields.

"Finally, the available supply of turpentine timber in the United States is likely to be exhausted within the next 15 years to the extent that the turpentine industry as related to the production from living trees will be seriously curtailed, while a large falling off of production will probably occur in 10 years. This condition will be a surprise to many who have held that large areas of fine pine timber in the States of Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas will come under production and thus tend to offset the falling off in the East. It has been found, however, that the conditions differ in these States as the timberlands are held in bodies of considerable extent by large companies who will not allow their timber to be bled. Their experience in turpentining leads them to the view that the damage done to the timber more than offsets the additional revenue and has caused them to become antagonistic to any advance looking toward the tapping of their timber. For this reason the naval stores industry will probably never become the factor in these States that it has been on the Atlantic Coast."

STORY OF A LOST CONFEDERATE EAGLE.

We publish the following from the Charlotte Chronicle in order to help in giving publicity to the facts narrated so that some member of the Georgia command mentioned may see it and thus the former owners of this valuable war-time relic recover it. We know the survivors of the Georgia soldiers who took part in the battle in which it was lost will be glad to recover it and will value it most highly. The Chronicle says:

"There had been a fierce fight between Confederate and Federal forces at a point between Petersburg and Ream's Station. The fight was a bloody one as were all the battles in that war, and the Federals had been driven back, slowly at first, but in a rout at the last. Among the troops that took part in the fight and that were pursuing the Federals was a Georgia command—just what command it is the object of this paper to find out. A troop of North Carolina cavalry being hurried up, was halted and dismounted at a place where the Georgians had male a stand. One of these cavalrymen was Mr. W. D. Turner, of Charlotte. It was his custom on being ordered to dismount, to take his pistol from the holster and stick it in his boot. As he was thus disposing of his weapon his eye caught sight of a brass eagle lying on the ground. It had surmounted the staff of the colors of the Georgia regiment and had been cut off by a shell. Three inches of the shattered flagstaff remained in it. Mr. Turner put the eagle in his holster, in which receptacle it was carried through the war and brought home. He was never able to ascertain the name of the Georgia command, nor was he able to get in communication with any one who knew of the lost eagle. He refused frequnt offers for the eagle. One man offered him $50 for it. At last he decided upon its temporary disposition. He had it mounted on the flagstaff of Mecklenburg Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and it gleams in the sunlight on every occasion that this camp is on the march to reunion or funeral. Whenever its Georgia owners make application for the eagle, it will be surrendered to them."

THE HORRORS OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

It is said that a great many persons in the stricken cities of Italy have become insane since the appalling disasters. This is not to be wondered at, for the fearful experiences many of them went through, coupled with the constant dread of their repetition, as has been threatened several times, and the scenes of horror which surround them all the time, are enough to dethrone reason. It is difficult for one at a distance to conceive of the extent of that catastrophe or of the mental anguish of the persons who witnessed it and the subsequent conditions in the stricken districts. Such a disaster is far more trying on the nerves than a conflagration. There is a feeling of helplessness in addition to that of fright. There is no escape. The earthquake is everywhere and there is dread that it will be renewed at any moment, with the knowledge that there will be no getting away from it if it does come. The horror, the despair and the abject terror must be a fearful strain on the people's minds. The greatest victims of that calamity were those who were threatened with death but escaped it to become totally bereft of reason or to be haunted all their lives by the memory of those fearful scenes. Those who were killed outright have been spared this suffering and anguish through a life-time.

COTTON STANDARDIZATION.

The Charlotte Observer thus editorially approves of the action of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is taking in securing a uniform grading of cotton:

"According to Washington dispatches, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is already selecting a committee of cotton experts to establish standards for the different grades. He will not, it appears, wait for the action of Congress upon Representative Wiley's bill or other proposed legislation upon the subject. His appointees, are to consist of foreigners as well as Americans, and he expects the whole number to co-operate with the experts of his Department's Bureau of Plant Industry. He would end the present annoying diversity in methods of grading cotton by establishing uniform standards for nine grades. These classifications will be used in the work of the United States government. American cotton exchanges are favorably disposed toward them, and they may soon become standards for the whole cotton world. This is a very gratifying prospect indeed—the more so because it is very doubtful whether an act of Congress would have any legal force or effect in the matter."

The Star wishes to thank Col. Jos. M. Morehead of Greensboro for a copy of the second annual publication of "the Journal of American History." It is devoted chiefly to the subject of Universal Peace. The frontispiece is a very handsome Peace of All Nations flag of the United States. There are a number of historical papers by prominent writers. The book is handsomely bound in soft leather back and contains illustrations of colonial homes and portraits of men prominent in the early history of our country.

But the article which will be of greatest interest to North Carolina is the one by Hon. Joseph M. Morehead on "Battlefield Memorials in the South," containing handsome photographs of the memorial monuments and tablets in Guilford Battlefield park.

We failed to see the editorial in the Washington Post making positive and evidently authoritative denial of the recently published story of a rude performance toward a young lady by the President when met by the former with a party of friends out riding. We are glad to know there is no truth in the story. Roosevelt has done some very rude things, but we do not believe he would insult a lady in any such manner as was charged against him.

The prophet who predicted the end of the world for yesterday a week ago accounts for his failure by saying he misinterpreted one of the passages in Revelations. We wonder if he pretends to understand all the other writings in that wonderful book.

The last issue of the Commoner says of the Gompers contempt case that it will delay full discussion of the principles involved until final decision by the courts, then it goes on in nearly a half-page article to "present the side of the defendants."

Why Chas. P. Taft withdrew from the Senatorial race is what is puzzling the people just now. He seemed to have assurance of success, but maybe he knew more about it than did the public.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Ex-Governor Vardaman is going in the Chautauqua lecture business, encouraged thereto by the record made by Mr. Bryan. The Chautauqua and lecture platforms appear to be wonderfully useful in providing for the country's statesman overflow.—Chattanooga Times.

—The advance sheets of the next census show appalling figures in regard to divorces during the past 20 years. From 1887 to 1906 there have been almost one million divorces. During the score of years preceding this period the number of divorces was 328,716. It is said by those who have made a study of the figures that divorces have increased three times as fast as the population. One marriage out of 12 ends up in divorce. These figures, of course, take no account of cases of separation, abandonment and unhappy marriages, which do not reach court dockets. It seems that there is always a divorce scandal of national "interest" in the papers. A Thaw-White scandal laps over to a Hains-Annis revelation. The divorce evil is a dark blot upon the country's name and fame.—Charlotte News.

—After several months of negotiations, the controversy over recent events in the Balkans seems as far from settlement as ever. The Powers have not yet succeeded in inducing America to agree to any basis upon which she will consent to take part in a conference of all the signatories to the Berlin treaty. That country has given notice that it would refuse to participate in any conference at which the finality of the annexation of the Bosnian and Herzegovnian Provinces should be called into question. This means that some formula must be contrived under which the Conference could take cognizance of the annexation without either discrediting its definiteness or impugning its propriety. The negotiations to this end are being left to Russia, as the Power most directly and substantially concerned.—New Orleans Picayune.

—In the memory of men living, the ruin and death that earthquake and fire and wave have wrought in Italy and Sicily might have accurred and caused only a vague horror and pity in the minds of American newspaper readers without suggesting to them the duty of rendering assistance. We glance at a paragraph in these times that ten thousand men and women in some province of China or India or in some island of the South Seas have lost their lives by a sudden convulsion of nature and dismiss it; but when the scene of the suffering and tragedy is just beyond the Atlantic, it comes home to us, almost as though it were in Nebraska or Montana. Instantly that the news that the Italian catastrophy is flashed, the organized benevolences of the civilized world are set in motion, or rather, automatically their activity begins.—News and Courier.

—Listen to the story of the Ellicott City plot to lynch Hatwood: Late Tuesday night, "several men met in one of the cafes of the town" and, with their glasses in their hands, of course, threshed out the chances and means of dragging Hatwood from the jail and hanging him to a tree or one of the bridges. They sent two scouts to the jail to spy out the ground and from these trusty messengers learned of the muzzle of a loaded revolver awaiting them at the jail door. "Recruit after recruit was sounded, but in spite of copious use of stimulants, none reached the stage where personal safety could be overlooked." Wednesday, sober neighbors and friends of the man reported to be beaten by Hatwood had heard the echoes of this drunken blustering and let their own mental balance be upset by the noise. Their talk of lynching was dangerous. The jailer would run no risks whatever with the courage behind the talk and quietly brought his prisoner to Baltimore.—Baltimore Star.

—President-elect Taft gives evidence of the possession of a large amount of common sense and the saving grace of a conciliatory spirit when he put a check on the movement—a decidedly premature movement—to organize "Taft Clubs" in the South. Personally, Mr. Taft is making a very favorable impression on the people of the South, and any courtesy shown him in the South is heartily to be commended. But Mr. Taft is yet to be tried as President of the United States, and by that test will he be judged in a political sense. The organization of "Taft Clubs" at this time would be a political endorsement of Mr. Taft before he had undergone the only test that could prove him deserving of such endorsement, and consequently the organization would be an exhibition of mawkish sentimentality as repulsive to a man of high ideals and fine sentiments as it would be indiscreet and discreditable to the organizers.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

TWINKLINGS.

—Sunday School Teacher—Now, Johnny, what was the miracle of the loaves and fieshes? Johnny—The fish became as big as the men who caught them said they were.—New York Sun.

—"I shall tell the unvarnished truth in this investigation!" "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "I don't know as varnish is important. But how about whitewash?"—Washington Star.

—"What started the riot at the performance of 'Hamlet' last night?" "Why, Hamlet held the skull and said: 'Alas, poor Yorrick! You are not the only deadhead in the house.'"—Tit-Bits.

—Brown (expatiating on the merits of his latest bargain in motors)—I don't say she's much to look at, but you should see the way she takes a hill! Friend (callously)—Up or down? —Punch.

—The drowning man yelled to the amateur photographer on the bank: "Help, help!" The photographer aimed his camera. "In just a minute." he said. "Hold that, please."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—General—What is the meaning of this disgraceful retreat? You are not fit to command a body of men, sir. Fat Captain (gasping)—Oh, but I am, I qualified by walking fifty miles in two days in the infantry endurance test.—Puck.

—"A man recently found nine pearls in an oyster stew, but the hot milk had ruined their value." "These get-rich-quick schemes never pan out. Now if he had found nine oysters, he would have had something."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—"Did you offer Tommy Clay a piece of your cake, Jimmy?" "Yes'm. He didn't care for it." "Didn't care for it?" "No'm. I gave him a bite an' told him I'd lick the stuffens out of him if he swallowed it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Solution.—Mistress—When I engaged you Lucinda, you said you had no male friends. Now, almost every time I come into the kitchen I find a man there. Lucinda—Lor' sakes, he am no male fren' ob mine. Mistress—Then who is he? Lucinda—My husband!—Puck.

REVENUE OFFICE IS CLOSED.

With Advent of Prohibition Uncle Sam Discontinues Offices.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Greensboro, Jan. 1.—Today for the first time in over twenty years, there is no office of the internal revenue department in operation in Greensboro, the office having been closed with the advent of prohibition in North Carolina. Col. E. W. Screvens, who has been in charge of the office as agent of this division for the past two or three years, has been transferred to Columbia, S. C., and will take with him his chief clerk Mr. A. P. Grace. The records and other documents of the Greensboro office will be left here in charge of a clerk. Deputy Collector Starbuck will be retained also, his principal duty consisting in the collection of special taxes.

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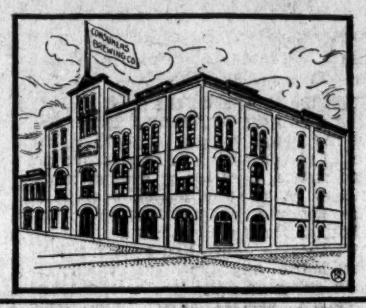

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HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

IN SOCIETY

By M. H.

Miss Marguerite Short is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Skelding.

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Friends of Mr. Charlie Robinson were glad to see him in the city during the past week.

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Mr. Robert Cantwell, who has been spending the holidays in the city, left yesterday for Birmingham, Ala., much to the regret of his many friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pulliam and Mr. Stone Pulliam, have been on a visit to Savannah, Ga., where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hull.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ladson Mills, of Greenville, S. C., who were in the city for a few days, have returned to their home much to the regret of their many friends.

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Friends of Mr. Frank M. Ross, who has recently been connected with Mr. J. A. Taylor, having headquarters at Maxton, will be pleased to learn that he will locate in Wilmington as broker for J. Benj. Higgs Company, of Greenville, N. C. Mr. Ross has many friends here who will welcome his return to Wilmington.

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The host of friends of Miss Margaret Harris will regret to learn that she expects to leave on Wednesday for her home in New Jersey. Miss Harris has spent several months as the attractive guest of Mrs. Allan Nichols, both on the Beach and in the city, and her departure will be greatly felt by the large circle of friends that she has drawn to herself during her stay in Wilmington.

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The dance which was given on Thursday evening by L'Agile Cotillon Club, and at which the young people "danced in the new, danced out the old" year, was participated in by a large number of couples and was in every way one of the most deligthful dances ever given by this club. The ball room was resplendent with bright lights and a profusion of holiday greens in addition to which there were many signal flags, which were loaned by the masters of the British ships, which are now lying in port. This added a touch of color which greatly enhanced the beauty of the scene. Mr. Paul Cantwell, the graceful leader of the club, introduced many new and pretty figures, appropriate to the New Year, while Hollowbush's orchestra furnished the music. An unusually large number of dancers were on the floor and the gallery was filled with many interested spectators.

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Not least among the Christmas festivities was the beautiful dance given on Tuesday evening of this week by L'Arioso German Club, in Masonic Temple ball room. A large number of visiting young ladies and gentlemen, as well as the many collegians who are at home for the holidays, added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Hollowbush's orchestra discoursed sweet music throughout the evening, and the ball room was ablaze with lights and resplendent with elaborate holiday greens. Among the visitors present were the following; Miss Margaret Harris, Miss Louise Lamar, Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Seabrease, Mr. Frazier and Mr. John Robinson, Dr. N. Courtland Curtis, Mr. Homer Giles Day, while among the collegians who are at home for the holidays were Miss Lucianna Poisson, Mr. Marion Harriss, Mr. Jas. C. Craft, Mr. Chesley C. Bellamy, Mr. Earl Croswell, Mr. Louis J. Poisson, Mr. Lewis Belden, Miss Katie Grainger, Mr. Victor Grainger, Jr., and Mr. Hal F. Boatwright.

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Mrs. William Latimer entertained a number of friends on Tuesday afternoon last at a pretty tea, which was given in honor of Mrs. VanRensallaer Choate King and Miss Margaret Harris, of Glen Ridge, N. J., who has been the popular guest of Mrs Allan Nichols. The large and spacious drawing rooms were prettily decorated with holiday greens, and though of an informal nature, the guests spent a most delightful afternoon. To add to the pleasure of the occasion, there were quite a number of visitors, these being Mrs. McLain Seabrease, of Philadelphia, Miss Carol Gray, Miss Margaret Boylan, Miss Elsie Haywood, of Raleigh, who are guests at the house-party which is being given by the Misses Bridgers; the Misses King, of New York, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. VanRensallaer Choate King, and Miss Helen Kenly, of Lake Waccamaw. During the afternoon a beautiful bouquet of white carnations was presented to Miss Harris, and a bouquet of red carnations to Mrs. King. Delicious refreshments were served, and a most deilghtful afternoon was spent by all present.

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It is a pleasure to note that in the midst of the Christmas festivities that the poor of the city have not been overlooked and that the various charitable organizations have been busy spreading cheer into the homes of the unfortunate. It is also of great interest to Wilmington people to learn that at this season plans are being made to have Mr. Burr McIntosh, the famous writer and lecturer, who has been gladly welcomed in various parts of the country, lecture here in his new lecture, "The United States Today," which will be delivered with excellent illustrated pictures. Should those in charge be fortunate enough to complete these plans, the lecture will take place on Monday evening next. As the proceeds will go to the Associated Charities and to the Children's Playground Fund, it is sincerely hoped that the people of Wilmington will attend in large numbers, and aside from the fact that the proceeds are to be for so worthy a cause, it is believed that the Wilmington public will see the advantage that is offered to them in an opportunity to attend one of these wonderful lectures.

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Clemmons, N. C., Jan. 2.—A beautiful wedding was solemnized Tuesday, December 29th, at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Nelson near Clemmons, N. C., when Miss Hattie I. Nelson and Mr. J. C. Wommack, Jr., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. James E. Hall, pastor of the Clemmons Moravian church officiated, and the ceremony was witnessed by only a few of the near relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The dame of honor was Mrs. Maggie N. Warner, sister of the bride, while Mr. E. P. Brindle, acted as best man. The bride wore a lovely gown of net over white satin. Immediately after the ceremony a light repast was served. The bride and groom will spend a few days with relatives in Clemmons ,after which they will go to Wilmington, where they will make their future home. Miss Nelson is a very charming and popular young lady and has a wide circle of friends. Mr. Womack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Womack, of Clemmons, where he is widely known and has many friends. He is a young man of ability and holds a responsible position as general construction foreman for the Tidewater Power Company, of Wilmington. They have the best wishes of their many relatives and friends.

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The usual whirl of social events which always comes with the Christmas season, was ushered in on Monday evening by a delightful dance which was given by Mrs. Allan Nichols to her attractive guest, Miss Margaret Harris, of New Jersey, and to her son, Mr. Spencer VanB. Nichols, who is at home from the University. The chief feature of this dance was that it was given at the Club House of the Cape Fear Country Club, and as this was the first dance to be given in this attractive new club house, the charm of novelty was added to the occasion. The ball room was beautifully and elaborately decorated with the holiday greens and every arrangement was carried out in detail. This was the last of the Leap Year diversions for 1908, and the fair damsels made the most of the occasion, as they realized that "Father Time" would soon place them in their usual sphere. About 60 couples participated in the pleasures of the evening, among them being many visitors to the city. The visitors were Misses Marjorie and Jean King, of New York; Miss Ethel Hughes, of South Carolina; Miss Mary Jones, of Asheville; Misses Helen and Lillian Kenly, of Lake Waccamaw; Miss Louise LaMar, of Monticello, Fla.; Messrs, John Robinson, of Goldsboro; Percy Keen, of Chicago; John Holmes, Asheville; Dr. N. Courtland Curtis, of Auburn, Ala.; Pembroke Jones, Jr., New York; Herbert and Empie Latimer, Columbia University. The music was by a string band and delicious refreshments were served to the guests. Mrs. Nichols was assisted in receiving by Bishop and Mrs. Strange, Mrs. Fred Poisson, Mrs. J. V. Grainger and Mrs. LeMessena.

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The dance which was given by the Sigma Nu Fraternity on New Year's night, was one of the pleasantest social events of the holiday season and was largely attended by the Sigma Nus of this city. Invitations were also extended to two alumnae representatives from the various chapters of the other fraternities here, and a large number of visiting young ladies were present. The dance was gracefully led through many intricate figures by Mr. William Emerson, and the patronnesses were Mrs. F. A. Lord, Mrs. R. W. Hicks, Mrs. B. G. Empie, Miss Jennie Wood and Miss Mary Lucas Cantwell. Among those present were the following: Mr. William Emerson, Miss Etta Brand; Mr. E. P. Bailey, Miss Marguerite Walker; Mr. Tooley, Miss Leonora Cantwell; Mr. William Watters, Miss Agnes McQueen; Dr. and Mrs. Akerman; Mr. Horace Emerson, Miss Helen Clark; Mr. Spiers Hicks, Miss Kenly; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Huggins; Mr. Clarence LeGrand, Miss Louise Lamar; Mr. Bernard O'Neil, Miss Haywood; Mr. Alvin Pleasants, Miss Annie Hill Holmes; Mr. William Parsley, Miss Helen Strange; Mr. Louis Poisson, Miss Lucianna Poisson; Mr. Willie Peck, Miss Amoret Lord; Mr. Tom Wood, Miss Anna Clark; Mr. Clayton Smith, Miss Heath; Mr. H. F. Clark, Miss Elise Emerson; Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Clark, and Messrs. Frazier, Whitaker and Pemberton. The above young men are all members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. There were also present, Mr. Preston Cumming, of the A. T. O. Fraternity, with Miss Theo. Cantwell; Mr. Robt. Cantwell, Kappa Sigma, and Miss Janie Cronly; Mr. Markley Crosswell, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Miss Julia Worth; Mr. Waddell Watters, Kappa Sigma, with Miss Jones; Mr. B. H. Bridgers, A. T. O., Mr. Louis T. Moore, Kappa Alpha, with Miss Sue Prince; Mr. Sheppard Pender, Kappa Alpha, with Miss Pleasants.

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One of the most beautiful and elaborate entertainments this season was given on Wednesday evening last by the Misses Brand at their attractive home on Chesnut street. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the receiving room being in green and white. Smilax covered the ceiling, while a number of palms, ferns and other greens were used, interspersed with which were a large number of beautiful white carnations. The mantle was lined with myriads of candles covered with green shades and these shed a soft glow over the assembled guests. In the receiving party were Misses Susie and Etta Brand, Agnes McQueen, Isabel Williams, Annette Munds and Bessie Lodor. The decorations in the punch room were very novel, consisting of an arbor made of Southern smilax and closely hung with perfect bunches of Malaga grapes, while large bunches of grapes were gracefully festooned over stones and gray moss, which was banked around the punch bowl. The punch bowl was gracefully presided over by Miss Elise Emerson and Miss Sue Prince. Not least among the beautiful decorations were those in the hall, where the walls and ceiling were festooned with crystalized moss and lighted by myriads of candles, which gave it a veritable scene from fairyland. Misses Julia Worth and Atha Hicks were stationed here. The "tete-a-tete" room was profusely decorated with smilax and manu La-France roses, while candles covered by pink shades cast a roseate glow over all. But most interesting of all was the "Fortune Room" in which was a tent made of smilax and red ribbons, with a large red light. A Gypsy queen sitting by a pot which was suspended over a light, completed the mystic scene, and proved the chief attraction of the evening, and much fun was derived from the future foretold. Still another attraction was old Santa Claus, who received his friends in the "favor room," which was decorated with an abun-

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"AND THE BANDIT WEPT."

(By Alex. O. Marr.)

The general reception room of that worthy freebooter, the Signor Pedro Alvarez was dimly lighted. It would indeed have been difficult to understand how the soft glow entered the room, until you discovered the rudely carved niche in the rocky wall, opposite the magnificently upholstered couch on which the burly form of the Signor himself reclined, in which could be seen an elegant candlestick of gold, much besmeared with the continual drip of tallow from a burning candle. The remainder of the grotto was in darkness—utter, appalling darkness. And it was well so, mused the Signor Pedro, for had not the Honorable President of the Dos Rios Light Company been pleasantly detained for a social chat some five weeks previous, and found with the insignificant sum of thirteen dollars and twenty-three cents in Jingoe to donate to his hosts? And who would use such a creature's wares? And, besides, electricity hurts one's eyes; therefore the insufficient candle light was pleasing.

All was silent except for an occasional burst of boisterous laughter and blasphemous oaths which poured from a far room.

Suddenly a dark form glided along the narrow passage-way and appeared before the Signor. The brigand nervously twisted the soft fur-like hairs of his dainty mustachio, and glowered fiercely at the intruder. For three days had he been in his present atrocious humor; and all because his barber, one Johann Doe, foolish excuse for a man that he was, had allowed himself to be taken in charge by the despised constabulary in consequence of which his master's beard must go untrimmed for a little short of four days, and his master's locks take on the semblance of a horse's mane.

His lieutenant—for it was he, the much exploited Mendez, who approached so cautiously—tried to stand under the glaring eye of his chief, but could not. His knees trembled and he sank quickly into a kind of seat cut into the solid wall, only to rise as quickly three minutes later and falteringly bring his gnarled hand to an awkward salute, while the signor's dark face became darker.

The silence was strangely oppressive, and the first break came dramatically—

"Well?"

The word was fairly thundered. The shaking one gulped, and at last found his voice, or something that in a faint way resembled it—

"A— a captive, sir!"

"Well, what does he look like?"

"Hard to explain, sir. One of those weary hunted looking individuals; the living personification of 'that tired feeling;' he seems respectable, and modest, though."

"Huh!" sneeringly, "I know the kind. Have the appearance of being an object of hard luck, when in reality they're the sort to fill our coffers; who smirk and smile when you threaten them and slouch along condescendingly, so!—the Signor's illustration was superb, and the Lieutenant, being an artistic man himself, secretly admired the grace with which it was executed —"bring IT here. I'll make him sweat."

This latter result, in all probability, was in a fair way of being attained, for, as he spoke, passionate beads of angry perspiration broke forth on the brigand's face and slowly wiggled down the velvet on his chin to mar the immaculate whiteness of his bosom front, and disturb the gloss on his made-to-order Stetsons.

The Lieutenant was visibly impressed and turned to obey, but was halted by the question:

"Wait! What is he? What does he do: didn't you ask him?"

"Certainly, sir! At first he was ashamed to tell me, but afterwards confessed he was the junior member of the Board of City Government of a North Carolina town, which had been endeavoring for a year or more to assist in the metamorphosis of a privately owned waterworks plant into a municipal system, having been drawn into the controversy against his inclination, and the haggling over the buying and selling price had brought on nervous prostration, and he is now, under an alias, traveling for his health until the trouble home has blown over."

The look which sprang on the brigand's face beggars description. Mendez gave an incredulous gasp and bent closer. It couldn't be! Yes, by all the precious saints, the Signor Pedro Alvarez wept!

The fascinated Lieutenant watched him closely. The overcome man tried to speak, but only made a choking sound. At last he revived, and murmured in a husky voice:

"Lieutenant Mendez, my heart goes out to that unfortunate mortal. Give him these U. S. Bonds, this Book of Job, and the proper passports and suffer him to depart unmolested. And Lieutenant, tell him he has my sympathy."

HIS NINE CHEESES.

An Old Time New England Story of a Stingy Parson.

Anecdotes in which the mean and grasping man is outwitted or held up to ridicule are popular everywhere and always. Few ancient towns are without their historic or traditional instances of stinginess punished or sharp practice defeated. In one village of New England, says the Youth's Companion, there is still current such a tale concerning an unpopular parson of more than a century ago.

Although a learned man of impressive manners, this clergyman was noted for undue reluctance to expend and readiness to acquire. He had a habit of pleading poverty and hinting for gifts.

The parish, although with some murmuring, had responded with fuel for his kitchen, hay for his horse, Thanksgiving turkeys for his table and a "subscription cloak" of black satin for his wife when her wedding manteau became shabby. The murmurs increased when it was found that the parson turned an honest but overshrewd penny by selling instead of using many of these donations. But they were not loud enough to disturb his stately calm, and he went his way without condescending to notice them. At last, however, fortune played him trick for trick.

One pleasant winter day he made a round of calls, and at each house, when just about to leave, he casually asked his hostess if she could let him have a little piece of cheese, as his wife happened to have none in the house and unexpected company had arrived. In each case the good housewife, instead of a little piece, generously presented him with a whole cheese, which he graciously accepted. As he turned from the door stone at the close of the last visit, while the mother of the family and her brood of nine children stood politely gathered to watch him drive away, he carelessly pulled the wrong rein, the sleigh tipped sharply on a drift, and out from under the ministerial lap robe rolled nine large cheeses, which spun friskly away in all directions on the icy crust.

His hostess understood the situation at a glance.

"Don't disturb yourself, pray, sir," she said politely as he made a motion to descend. "It is quite unnecessary. The children will gather them up, and none will be overburdened or will there be any quarreling for the privilege. See; it is just a cheese to a child."

So it was, and the embarrassed parson, unable to escape, was obliged to receive back his cheeses, with due thanks to each giggling volunteer as they came up in gleeful procession one by one.

Too well he knew that by the next day the whole parish would be laughing at his misadventure, although he could scarcely have guessed that the joke would be recalled a hundred years later.

Nature's Cunning.

Protective mimicry, that cunning device of nature to preserve animals from their enemies, is well known in the eggs of certain fishes, notably the California shark, known as Gyroplenrodus francisci. The shark is of a sluggish habit, lurking among rocks, and its dark egg resembles a leaf of kelp or seaweed folded up spirally. It is deposited among the beds of kelp and clings to the leaves by the edges of the spirals. The young shark bursts open the end of the egg and swims away. Another shark's egg of the Pacific coast has tentacles which clasp the seaweed and also imitate its appearance.

Mozart and Bretzner.

When Mozart was at the height of his fame he composed the music of Bretzner's "Belmont und Konstanze" ("The Abduction From the Seraglio") at the request of Emperor Joseph II. The author of the drama was so angry at this that he inserted the following notice in the Leipziger Zeitung: "A certain fellow of the name of Mozart has dared to misuse my drama, 'Belmont und Konstanze,' for an opera text. I hereby solemnly protest against this invasion of my rights, and I reserve to myself further procedures. (Signed) Christoph Friedrich Bretzner, Author of 'Rausch-chen.'"

Long Necked Belles.

Eastern standards of beauty differ, like the customs, from those of the west. In Malacca, we are told, the small waist and velvet eyes do not count, but instead the length of the neck is the criterion of beauty. The girl of Malacca at a very early age is fitted with a metal collar, which compels her to keep her head erect, and as she grows the collar is increased in size, and by this means the neck is gradually elongated.

Quite Enough.

"I should think you'd go slow," said the cautious friend. "You know, as Lincoln said, 'you can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people'"—

"That's all right," interrupted the sharper, "but I find it's always possible to fool enough of the people enough of the time."—Philadelphia Press.

The Worst of It.

Suffragette Lecturer—Yes, my sisters, man has tyrannized over us, oppressed us, abused us, maltreated us, scorned us, ridiculed us, and— Ancient Maiden (in audience)—Yes, and, what is worse, he never married us.—Kansas City Independent.

Lots of people fool dollars away and then howl that the reason they don't get rich is that no one gives them a chance.—Atchison Globe.

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The first train of the Atlantic Coast Line's New York and Florida Special will leave New York on the 4th of January, and even at this date bookings for the train are reported to be very heavy. The new train will consist entirely of drawing room, sleeping, parlor, dining room and observation cars, which are the finest ever turned out of the shop by the Pullman Company. The train crew will consist of the most efficient employes of the system, and every possible effort will be made to maintain the schedule to the minute. The train will carry through sleepers from New York to St. Augustine, Palm Beach, Miami and Knight's Key. The train leaves New York daily at 2:10 P. M. except Sunday, arriving in Jacksonville the following afternoon at 3:10 o'clock and at St. Augustine an hour later, Leaving Jacksonville daily, except Sunday, at 12:50 P. M., the train arrives at New York at 4:15 o'clock the following afternoon.

The Eastern Operating Department of the United Wireless Telegraph Company announces the placing of an order, with the Company's Manufacturing Department, for 250 complete sets of Wireless instruments, all of which are soon to be installed at stations to be established in Cities East of the Mississippi River. This is the largest order ever placed for wireless apparatus, and to manufacture, erect and put the stations into operation, will require an expenditure exceeding $500,000. The majority of the stations will be of only one or two k. w. capacity, with a range of from 100 to 300 miles, but some, which are intended for long distance service will be of from 5 to 20 k. w. to transmit wireless messages, under all conditions of weather, for a range of from 500 to 2,000 miles overland and from 1,000 to 3,000 miles over the water. Most of the following cities in this territory will probably be embraced in this extensive wireless telegraph system: Elizabeth City, Cape Hatteras, Beaufort, Newbern, Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheville, Henderson and Winston-Salem, in North Carolina and Charleston, Raleigh and the port of Wilmington Sumter, Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, Anderson and Abbeville, in South Carolina.

WILLISTON GRADED SCHOOL

Splendid Showing Made by Well Known Colored Institution Here.

The Star is requested to publish the following article by Professor John H. Green, principal of the Williston Graded School, with reference to the splendid work being done at that institution:

	1907	1908
Enrollment	539	610
Attendance	354	486
Teachers	9	12

The above statistics of the beginning of the two school years speaks for the progress of the school. They show that we have caught a part of the educational fever which is sweeping over our city.

Both teachers and pupils are deeply interested and have won honors by bringing in new pupils. It is safe to say that this will prove the banner year in the history of the school.

The department of manual training has created new interest aside from filling a long felt want—that of holding the boys in school until graduation—this department is so planned that it will turn the minds of those boys whose education ends with the graded school course, toward industrial pursuits, thus making them of more service to our community.

We regret very much indeed that we are short of means to make this new interest more generally felt among the boys. At present only two or three boys from each grade can take advantage of this training because of the limited number of tools, amount of materials and the need of an instructor. The principal manages to instruct these boys at such odd times as he can spare from his grade.

We want to take advantage of this opportunity to thank the School Committee of District No. 2 and the superintendent for the much interest they have shown us. We trust that the time is not far distant when they will be able to see their way clear and give us the much needed seats and room in our school building.

All friends are cordially invited to visit our school.

JOHN H. GREEN, Principal.

NATIONAL MACADAM ROAD

Editor Star:—I am writing to suggest a National macadamized road from Fort Fisher to Greensboro on the victorious army's march and Johnson's retreat via New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Wayne, Johnson, Wake, Durham, Orange, Alexander and Guilford counties.

The successful triumphant marches of European armies were made memorable by good roads. Our government is annually spending millions for war vessels that will be in ten years fit only for the junk pile. One or two millions judiciously spent in making a National road would serve as an object for the present and future generations to build lateral roads from the main thoroughfare. Already our Georgia neighbors are contemplating asking for National aid for constructing a road of this nature on Sherman's march to the sea. This matter was brought before the last meeting of county commissioners at Greensboro and was favorably spoken of. The victorious Northern Army subsisted for months on the people of North Carolina on that memorable march. No compensation has ever been offered and no reparation made. Surely the "Best Government on Earth" could afford to show us that boon. E. D. P.

At The Theatre.

The Academy will make a number of notable offerings this and next month, including "The Cat and the Fiddle," "The Man of the Hour," "Buster Brown," the Herald Square Opera Company and "A Knight for a Day," but none will be of more importance or of more genuine delightfulness than the last noted, which is the well know big musical comedy hit and which this season is being given a brilliant production by the noted theatrical manager, Mr. B. C. Whitney. The company goes well over half a hundred and is headed by Frank Deshon, a musical comedy celebrity who is justly popular in Wilmington. This superb attraction comes to the Academy Friday night of this week.

Frank Deshon has had a successful career on the musical comedy and comic opera stage which extends over twenty-five years.

He served his apprenticeship in dramatic work as well and was at one time associated with Louis James, Marie Wainwright, and many others of the old school. He is the originators of the leading comedy role in "The Brownies" and was with Henry W. Savage for four seasons, after which he went with Nixon and Zimmerman and played the leading comedy role in their production of "Miss Bob White" over 1,200 times. He also starred under the same management in "The Office Boy" with signal success.

In "A Knight for a Day" he is said to have achieved the greatest success of his remarkable career.

Lisle Bloodgood, who plays the role of Madame Woodbury, head of the ladies' seminary, in support of Comedian Deshan, has been prominently identified with Broadway productions for years. She is the widow of Harry Bloodgood, who fifteen years ago was one of the most prominent minstrel comedians in the country. Miss Bloodgood originated the roles of Asbena in "Isle of Spice," and Bedelia in "Piff Paff, Pouff," for Mr. Whitney and impersonated the latter role for three seasons.

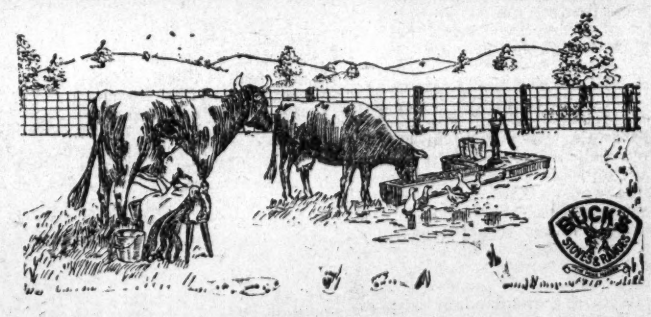
The sale of seats for the Wilmington engagement will start Thursday.

"THE DARK CORNER."

Fascinating Little Volume by Washington Newspaper Correspondent.

"The Dark Corner," by Zach McGhee, one of the best known of the newspaper correspondents in Washington, D. C., is the title of an exceedingly attractive little volume just from The Grafton Press, New York, and one which is bound to take its place among the best in current literature.

The book possesses a real fascination and the reader who glances at the first few pages and catches the thread of the story, breathes for the once the fine old Southern atmosphere which pervades the volume and gets a flavor of the interesting theme, is bound to follow the pages through and bless the intuition which prompted the reading all at the first sitting, for it is, indeed, a volume that is delightful. The humor of the book is quaint and full of spontaniety, the dialect perfect and the characters true to life. Typical scenes of backwoods life and described with the description of an artist; of one who knows and sees the people of whom he writes. It has been well said that to the book belongs a place beside "David Harum" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The volume may be had of the publishers or at bookstores; price $1.00.



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IN SOCIETY

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dance of holly and red bells, and was lighted with red candles. When Santa Claus appeared each guest was requested to draw a present from his pack. A buffet supper of two courses was served. Those invited, some of whom were unable to attend were, Misses Atha Hicks, Virginia Bailey, Julia Worth, Fannie Murchison, Jennie Murchison, Annie Hill Holmes, Agnes McQueen, Christine Stevenson, Isabel Smallbones, Marguerite Holladay, Nannie Holladay, Jane Iredell Green, Isabel Williams, Sadie Williams, Bessie Lodor, Kate and Reba Myers, Thurber Gore, Blanche Parsley, Sue Prince, Annette Munds, Mellie Cotchett, Nellie Durham, Elizabeth McKoy, Laura Weil, Elise Emerson, Elise Kidder, Florence Kidder, Theo. Cantwell, Hattie Lou Smith, Louise Beery, Mamie Mitchell, Amy Harlow, Louise Harlow, Grace Turlington, Helen Strange, Amoret Lord, Margaret Harriss, Bessie Albright, Lucy Poisson, Marguerite Walker, Lina deRosset, Annie Worth, Alice Davis, Mary Wiggins, Elizabeth Woodward, Duralde Borden, Cynthia Rountree, Nancy Hay, of Raleigh, Lucy Chadbourn, Fanny Taylor, Sarah Crosswell, Margaret Harris, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Susie Bell LaMotte, Jessie LaMotte, Sumter, S. C; Miss Jones, Asheville; Miss Lamar, Monticello, Fla.; and Messrs. Ed Bailey, Markley Crosswell, W. P. Emerson, Earl Crosswell, Norwood Huske, John Murchison, John Myers, Louis Moore, Milton Gore, Sheppard Pender, Tom Wood, Robt. Cantwell, Champ Davis, Platt Davis, R. A. Williams, T. D. Meares, Jr., R. L. Meares, Swift Boatwright, Harry West, Rob Calder, Preston Cumming, Richard Bradley, Spiers Hicks, Rufus Hicks, Haughton James, Marion James, Rob James, Willie Peck, Allie Mitchell, Ashley Curtis, H. M. Chase, Walter Sprunt, Lawrence Sprunt, J. W. Little, Chesley Bellamy, Geo. Lynch, Ed Prince, Theo. Kingsbury, Clem Brown, Louis Poisson, A. Pleasants, George Willson, Kennedy Rutledge, Will Denny, Spencer Nichols, Glen Kenly, Pierre Holmes, Waddell Watters, Wilhe Parsley, Bernard O'Neil, T. H. Wright, James Perrin, Meares Harriss, T. C. White, W. L. Smith, Raymond Humphreys, Jr., James Post, W. R. Sullivan, Marion Harriss, Geo. Jackson, Clayton Smith, Sam Royall, George Ashe, Owen Holmes.

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Miss Theresa Parsley, who is a student of the James Sprunt Institute, will leave for Kenansville on Wednesday next, to resume her studies.

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Miss Jessie LaMotte, of Sumter, S. C., who has been visiting her sister, Miss Susie Belle LaMotte, returned to her home on Friday last, to the regret of many friends here.

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Miss Sarah Jones, one of Asheville's most attractive young ladies, is the guest of Miss Helen Strange, on Orange street, where she will visit for several days. Miss Rosa Heath, of Petersburg, Va., is also a guest of Miss Strange.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Graham Brown, of Red Springs, N. C., in neatly engraved cards received yesterday, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sallie Brown, to Mr. N. Graham Smith. The wedding took place on Thursday, December 31st, at the home of the bride's parents in Red Springs, where they will be at home to friends.

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An entertainment given last New Year's evening by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fowler to their nephew, Master John J. Fowler, Jr., at their residence, No. 417 South Front street, was a very enjoyable event. The thirty young folks assembled at an early hour and continued the festivities until the departure of the old and the advent of the New Year.

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Miss Nellie Durham delightfully entertained a few friends at Bridge on Thursday morning, in honor of Miss Sarah Jones, of Asheville, N. C., who is the attractive guest of Miss Helen Strange, on Orange street, and to Miss Jessie LaMotte, of Sumter, S. C., who has been visiting here during the holidays. While the affair was most informal, Miss Durham's reputation as a hostess is sufficient assurance of a most delightful morning spent by her guests.

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Miss Louise Beery was the hostess of a charming little bridge party on Thursday afternoon, given to a limited number of friends at her home on Market street. The visiting young ladies present were, Miss Louise Lamar, of Monticello, Fla., and Miss Lizzie Taylor, who is the guest of relatives here. Miss Lamar won the prize, which was Mary Johnson's latest book, "Lewis Rand." The usual delightful refreshments were served to the guests, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by those who attended.

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The Misses Bridgers were the charming hostesses of a most delightful entertainment on Saturday night, given to their guests, at their handsome home on Third street. About one hundred and fifty guests were invited, all of whom spent a highly enjoyable evening. Dancing was the chief feature of the entertainment and various forms of round, square and aesthetic dancing were participated in by the guests, a number of whom were costumed in attractive suits representing characters such as "Buster Brown," "Mary Jane," "Little Boy Blue," and the popular "Teddy Bear," as well as a number of other characters. The entertainment was in the nature of a "Children's Party," and the guests were all costumed accordingly. Delightful refreshments were served during the course of the evening and it was with a feeling of pro- found regret that the Misses Bridgers' guests departed for their homes.

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One of the deNghtful events of the past week was the annual ball of Harmony Club at their elaborate quarters. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra furnishing the music. At midnight an elaborate banquet was served and around the festive boards gathering about one hundred people. Handsome favors were distributed among the dancers during the evening. Among those dancing were the following Miss Mamie Nathan, Mr. Isadore Bear; Miss Pauline Roseman, Mr. Adolph Roseman; Miss Helen Solomon, Mr. Herbert Bluethenthal; Miss Viola Bear, Mr. Adolph Goodman; Miss Switzer, of Vicksburg, Miss., Mr. Irving J. Bear; Miss Sadie Seligman, of Norfolk, Va., Mr. Emanual I. Bear; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Solomon; Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Dannenbaum; Miss Clara Solomon, of Charlotte, N. C., Mr. George Honnet; Miss Hattie Taylor, Mr. Lionel Weill, of Chicago; Miss Hilda Blumenthal, of Kansas City, Mr. Joe Jacobi; Miss Mamie Bear, Mr. Moses Bear; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Taylor; Mr. Joe Blumenthal, of Philadelphia, with Miss Ray Solomon; Miss Marguerite Kahn with Mr. Harry Solomon; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solky; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Schloss.

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Warsaw, N. C., Jan. 1.—The Warsaw German Club gave a New Year dance at the Opera House last night complimentary to the visiting young ladies. The dance was led by the club leader, Mr. Rivers Johnson, with Miss Sallie Bowden, of Wilmington. Several new and beautiful figures were introduced by the club leader. The following couples participated in the dance: Miss Mary Lily Hussey with Dr. Will Hines; Miss Jolly Hussey, Dr. E. O. Edgerton; Miss Helen Williams, Mr. P. J. Heath; Miss Sallie Pence, Mr. John Williams; Miss Pearl Whitman, Mr. Isam Pierce; Miss Anna Pierce, Mr. Rhoda Williams; Miss Splinter Moore, Mr. Faison Thompson; Miss Sallie Hill, Dr. Jim Williams; Miss Mattie Hines, Mr. E. J. Hill; Miss Clara Williams, Mr. Dave Taylor; Miss Louise Hussey, Mr. H. D. Farrior; Miss Fannie Best, Mr. Larry Dawson; Miss Maggie Bowden, of Wilmington, Mr. Henry Shines; Miss Virginia Boyette, Mr. Tom Shines; Miss Grace Lindsay, Mr. Chas. Cox; Miss Annie Carroll Mr. Robert Best; Miss Wilson, Mr. S. L. Johnson; Miss Carter, Mr. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. John Carter; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Newbury; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Best; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Land; Mr. and Mrs. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Shockley. Patronesees: Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. S. H. Johnson, Mrs. Ella William Lyon. Stags: Mr. Hermon Hines, Mr. E. J. Hill, of San Francisco; Mr. Jas. Williams.

AT THE CRYSTAL.

Big New and Pleasing Bill This Week at Popular Theatre.

For this week the Crystal Palace, of course, has an entirely new offering, and one, too, of more novelty and high merit. The management declares that the present week's bill will be one of the best it has yet presented and feels certain about this on account of the artists being all well known ones. A feature of the bill, and one that will, no doubt, prove exceedingly popular, will be the Edgar Sisters, in songs and dances. Sister teams are always strong cards at the Palace and in the team for this week the Palace says it has a "winner." Besides this team Lee Edmunds, the muchly in demand blackface comedian and one who is said to be away from all others, will be on the bill, as will also the well known comedy sketch team of McCarthy & Barth, who will present a vigorously funny act and one unique in character. Yet another feature will be illustrated songs. It has been some time since the Palace has presented such, and only does so now becaues it has something in this line that is extra good. The first performance will be given tomorrow afternoon.

GOES TO PORTSMOUTH.

Mr. H. E. Trulove Becomes President of Trulove Distilling Company.

Mr H. E. Trulove, of this city, who was one of the dealers retired from business by the going into effect of the prohibition law on January 1st, will leave in a few days, as soon as he can arrange his affairs, for Portsmouth, Va., where he will take charge as president of the Trulove Distilling Co., a corporation recently chartered under the laws of Virginia to engage in the manufacture and sale of liquors, wines, tobaccos, etc. Mr. Trulove will have personal charge of the new business and hopes to serve many of his former patrons and friends in North Carolina. He thanks the people of Wilmington and his friends in the Carolinas for their kindness and patronage in the past and regrets that circumstances are such that he cannot remain among them.

—Rocky Mount Record: Marked increase in the freight business at this place has made a telegraph office at the city freight office necessary and today linemen are at work installing the instruments in the new office. Four lines will be cut into at this office and effective the first of the coming month an operator will be added to the force.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was "held up" in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man today." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sour lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Ahthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

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NEWS OF LUMBERTON

New Year Finds Town in Good Shape Court House Clock—Business and Other Changes—News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Jan 2.—At the beginning of the New Year we wish to thank the large number of Star readers in Lumberton for their patronage during the year just closed, and wish them all a happy and prosperous New Year. During 1908 the Sunday Morning Star was delivered to its readers every Sunday, being late only one or two mornings which was caused by delayed trains. The Star was the only paper that was delivered in Lumberton every Sunday during the year, all others having failed several times.

Next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock Mr. Percy C. Black and Mrs. Alma Skipper, both of Lumberton, will be united in marriage, Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. The wedding will be a quiet one, only a very few friends being present.

This month Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle complete a quarter of a century in business. This is the oldest mercantile business in Lumberton except that of Mr. L. H. Caldwell which was established many years ago by his father, Mr. J. H. Caldwell, who died in 1891. It is a remarkable fact that besides the Jewish merchants in Lumberton, there are only three or four other merchants in business here who did not get their mercantile training either with Caldwell & Carlyle or L. H. Caldwell.

The organ recital given at the Presbyterian church last night was much enjoyed by a very large crowd, the church being crowded to its full capacity.

The New Year finds Lumberton in good shape. All the cotton mills are running on full time, new buildings are going up, and everybody seems busy. The only change we have heard of is the resignation of Mr. F. H. Roberts as salesman for Mr. K. M. Biggs. Mr. Geo Floyd, of Orrum, succeeds Mr. Roberts. The banks all seem to be in a thriving condition and the hope is for a good year in all lines.

The last day of 1908 was the heaviest day of the year in forwading letters from the Lumberton postoffice, about 4,500 having been handled. The year's business shows a substantial increase over the preceding year.

Isaac Whitley, a colored man who has been confined in jail here for some time on the charge of breaking into another negro's home, was taken sick last week and on Monday was removed to the hospital where he could receive better attention. He died Thursday and was buried at the county home. He seemed to have had no friends or relatives, and very little is known of him.

Messrs. Abner Nash, J. B. Stancel and L. B. Townsend left this week for Concord where they will be engaged for some time auditing the books of the officials of Cabarrus county, their work extending back for a period of ten years. Better men for the business would be hard to find anywhere.

During the past few days some of the Lumberton pastors have been severely pounded by their respective congregations.

We are reliably informed that on last Sunday a young alligator, 7 or 8 inches long, was found in a yard in East Lumberton. It had evidently been there for some time as it had concealed itself under a piece of wood. Some are of the opinion that it rained down during the storm which passed over this section Christmas day.

The records show that during 1908 ten divorces were secured in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Whitfield left this morning for Wilmington to be present at the marriage this afternoon ter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris. Imat 5:30 o'clock, of their son. Mr. J. M. Whitfield to Miss Allie Morris, daughmediately after the ceremony the happy couple will leave for Tampa, Fla., where the groom has accepted a responsible position. Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield will return to Lumberton first of the week.

Mr. C. L. Baker and family have moved into the new residence recently erected by Mr. W. H. Humphrey on Pine and 12th streets.

During the past few days Mrs. O. C. Norment, Mrs. Ellen Redmond, and Mrs. J. H. Wishart have given entertainments in honor of friends and visitors.

The Spring term of the Lumberton Graded School will open Tuesday. Miss Walton who resigned as tacher of the first grade, will be succeeded by Mrs. R. S. Sledge.

Miss Mary Pope daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Pope, delightfully entertained quite a number of friends Wednesday evening.

The new court house has a very handsome ornament on top of it which many people would take for a clock if they did not happen to notice that the hands did not move. Some time ago it reached ten minutes to two and has been taking Christmas ever since. This handsome ornamment cost the county several hundred dollars and as it stands is worthless.

Miss Irene McLeod entertained a large number of friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod, Thursday night. Those present report an evening of much enjoyment.

Three young men who went hunting a few days ago soon came back looking like something had gone wrong, and it had for they got on posted land and thought they smelled sulphur burning.

The Robeson County Rural Mail Carriers' Association met in annual session here yesterday, and while there was a good attendance it was not as well attended as it should have been.

The furniture is being placed in the new court house, and it is supposed the commissioners will meet there Monday. We understand the electric lights will be turned on tonight to see that everything is alright in that respect.

One or two good jokes perpetrated on friends during Christmas is too good to keep. A Lumberton young man who has a very dear lady friend in another town or city not fifty miles away, just had to go to see her Christmas day, and of course carried a choice selection of choice fruits and other good things. When he presented the fancy basket she told him that she could not enjoy it near so well unless he shared it with her. When the fine Florida oranges were removed from the basket it was discovered that the juice had been extracted from every one of them and he had simply carried his girl the orange hull, so to speak. A friend had done the job before he left home——On Monday it was quietly whispered to some officials that a blockade still had been discovered within two or three miles of town. Accompanied by the informants the officers went in search, and when they had been shown a mile or two into a swamp, one of the officials slipped off a log into water over waist deep. When he managed to find his way to dry land the guides had disappeared and had not been found at last accounts. The still is yet undiscovered.

Mr. A. Weinstein has purchased from Mr. Thos. Kinlaw his residence on North Main street, and will at an early day remove the old building and replace it with a handsome new residence. One by one the old landmarks pass away. The old building to be removed was erected by Col. F. M. Wishart who was murdered by the outlaws nearly 40 years ago.

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I want to send you a complete ten day's treatment entirely free to prove to you that you can cure yourself at home, easily, quickly and surely. Remember, that it will cost you nothing to give the treatment a complete trial; and if you should wish to continue, it will cost you only about 12 cents a week or less than two cents a day. It will not interfere with your work or occupation. Just send me your name and address, tell me how you suffer if you wish, and I will send you the treatment for your case, entirely free, in plain wrapper, by return mail. I will also send you free of cost, my book—"WOMAN'S OWN MEDICAL ADVISER" with explanatory illustrations showing why women suffer, and how they can easily cure themselves at home. Every woman should have it, and learn to think for herself. Then when the doctor says—"You must have an operation," you can decide for yourself. Thousands of women have cured themselves with my home remedy. It cures all, old or young. To Mothers of Daughters, I will explain a simple home treatment which speedily and effectually cures Leucorrhoea, Green Sickness and Painful or Irregular Menstruation in Young Ladies. Plumpness and health always results from its use.

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The Morning Star.

Sunday, January 3, 1909.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 3, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 2:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 32 degrees; 8 P. M. 48 degrees; maximum 55 degrees; minimum 32 degrees; mean 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .00 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Saturday at 8 A. M. 12 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday; Monday increasing cloudiness with probably rain near the coast; moderate temperature, variable winds.

Por Calendar—Jan. 3.

Sun Rises.....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:01 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 51 min.
High water at Southport 5:55 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 7:35 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Big Bill.
A. David Co.—Prices Reduced.
Geo. O. Gaylord—January 1909.
Platt & Haar—Nineteen-o-Nine.
I. Shrier—Another Big Purchase.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Your Wardrobe.
J. Hargrove Taylor—To My Friends.
H. C. McQueen, Chairman—Meeting.
Trulove Distilling Co.—Prices Quoted.
F. A. Hall—"Bible Proof of Salvation."
J. W. H. Fuchs—This Week's Specials.
J. & E. Mahoney—Standard Whiskies.
American National Bank—Your Account.
City Livery Co.—Don't Miss Opportunity.

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Southern Business College—Wanted.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bissinger, formerly of this city but now of Mount Airy, N. C., where Mr. Bissinger is successfully engaged in business, are in the city on a visit to Mrs. Bissinger's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Anders, No. 416 Red Cross street.

—Mr. James R. McIver has resigned his position with Mr. J. T. Burke by whom he was employed as watchmaker and engraver and will leave in a few days for his home in Western North Carolina. Mr. McIver has several good offers, but has not yet decided where he will locate.

—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Mrs. T. H. Sutton and Mrs. David Ray have returned from Wilmington, where they attended the wedding of Miss Covington and Mr. Murphy.——Mrs. John F. Clark and daughter, Miss Frances Clark, returned to their home at Manchester this morning, after visiting friends in Wilmington for several days."

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Evangelist Coombs Heard Last Night The Services For Today.

A service of just one hour was held last night at the Christian Church, on Dock street, the second in a series of meetings by Evangelist J. V. Coombs that will continue indefinitely. The service was especially for children and many of the young people were present and listened to a strong discourse from the evangelist. Prof. McKinney charmed his hearers with his fine solo work and direction of the large chorus choir that has been formed for the meeting.

This morning at 11 o'clock Mr. Coombs will speak on "The Power of Love"; this afternoon there will be a lecture to women only at 3 o'clock, subject "Troubles, Real and Imaginary" and tonight the usual service for the general public will be conducted. The subject for the latter service will be " Christ in History, Art and Heart."

Capt. Brown Returns.

Capt. Earl L. Brown, in charge of the Corps of United States Engineers for the Wilmington district, returned yesterday after spending the past week on an inspection of the beginning of work on the new inland waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet, accompanying Congressman Small and party of other representatives and newspaper men from Norfolk on the government steamer Mercur, of this station, and the steamer of the service at Norfolk. As previously stated, the work was found progressing satisfactorily in every respect.

Schools Resume Work Tomorrow.

Saturday marked the close of the Christmas holidays with the city schools and the pupils in all departments will resume their work tomorrow. It is expected that pupils and teachers will be present promptly at the beginning of the Winter term at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of the schools, arrived home the latter part of the week from a visit to his old home during the holidays.

Big price reduction on overcoats and Raincoats at J. M. Solky & Company's. Now is your time to get one. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—Services at St. James Church will be at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. today. Special invitation is extended to all to attend the night service.

—The Boston Italian String Band will give a concert at Lumina this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and cars will be operated on the suburban line on a half hour schedule.

—Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be the special speaker at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock. All men are invited.

—The A. David Company advertises prices reduced and calls attention to the individuality of Hart Schaffner and Marx clothes. Substantial reductions are made in Winter suits, overcoats, rain coats and underwear .

—Carrie Yates, the young white woman, who was taken in charge by the police Friday as an act of charity, was yesterday morning sent to the County Home, where she will be provided for.

—Mrs. W. H. Davis, of this city, is a first cousin of Mr. Robert W. Smith, who passed away Friday afternoon at his home on Orange street. As stated yesterday, there are no immediate relatives of the deceased.

—In an account of the institution of the new court of Foresters at Whiteville yesterday morning, it should have been stated that the organization has a surplus of 12 1-2 million dollars, instead of two and a half as erroneously given.

—J. & E. Mahoney, Portsmouth, Alexandria and Norfolk, Va., have the thanks of the Star for a very handsome art calendar of the New Year, advertising the "Belle of Virginia" and other favorite brands of high-grade whiskies for which the firm has grown to be famous.

—Mr. F. A. Hall, of the W. T. B. and T. Society, Alleghany, Pa., will speak in Germania Hall, on Front, between Market and Dock streets, this afternoon at 3 P. M., on the subject "Bible Proof of Salvation Beyond the Grave." All are cordially invited to hear him. No collections.

—The Star has with the compliments of the Peruvian Guano Corporation, Charleston, S. C., a very handsome calendar for the New Year. The art piece is the rocky beach of the Peruvian shore, standing upon which is a pelican with a fish in its beak, the trade mark of the high-grade of fertilizers imported by the company.

—Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, will be the speaker at the open meeting at the Boys' Brigade armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock and both ladies and gentlemen will be welcome. The choir of St. Paul's congregation will furnish the music.

—Having acquired them by purchase, Mr. John E. Poole offers for sale a collection of handsome pictures once owned by Colonel F. W. Kerchner, of this city. Five are oil paintings and one, very large, is the work of a master. The collection may be seen by applying to Mr. Poole at the Crystal Palace.

—Contributions to Catherine Kennedy Home for December: A friend, coffee; Mr. Solomon, zephyr; Miss Lucile Murchison, $10; Mrs. E. N. Penny, preserves; Mr. J. A. Montgomery, oysters; Mrs. Jno. L. Cantwell, potatoes; Mrs. Geo. Honnet, crackers, jam, honey; Mrs. Pearsall, oranges; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, rice, potatoes; Mr. J. A. Montgomery, oysters; Master Luther LeGwin, mistletoe; Master Tom McCraw, holly; Mrs. Sam Bear, peaches, tea, sugar; Mrs. E. N. Penny, oranges, bananas; a friend, meat, coffee; a friend, turkey; Mr. Geo. O. Gaylord, turkey; Woman's Exchange, wines and jelly; Mr. Martin Newman, dry goods; Kress Co., candy, handkerchiefs; Mrs. N. H. Quince, oranges; Mr. W. H. Sprunt, $22; Mrs. J. M. Wells, soup; Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, drugs; Mr. R. R. Bellamy, drugs; Mr. J. A. Springer, ice. Annual meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Home.

FORMED NEW CONNECTION.

Mr. Henry J. Gerken Goes With Southern National Bank, Jan. 1st.

It will be pleasing to his many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere to know that Mr. Henry J. Gerken, than whom there is no more popular young business man in Wilmington, with the first of the New Year went with the Southern National Bank and the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., of this city. The new position will bring Mr. Gerken into contact with the business and financial interest of the community and it is unnecessary to say that he enjoys the confidence and respect of the people at large. For the past several months he has been purchasing agent and general superintendent for Mr. B. H. Stephens in the big development of the Carolina Heights property and gave up that position reluctantly to form the new connection, which his friends hope will be pleasant and in every way mutually advantageous. Energetic, persevering and of most engaging address, Mr. Gerken promises to succeed eminently well with the two large and popular banking institutions with which he is now connected.

Entered Commission Business.

Mr. C. B. Bellois, a well known Wilmington business man, announces that with the first of the New Year he has established a wholesale and retail produce commission business at No. 16 North Second street and respectfully solicits consignments of all kinds of country produce, promising the highest market prices and prompt returns. He will give his personal attention to the business and would be glad to have correspondence with consignors of produce to this market.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Katherine Powers will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from St. Thomas' Catholic church. Interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited.

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AT SAINT JAMES TODAY.

Special Musical Services Morning and Evening by the Choir.

Special musical services will be enjoyed by the congregation of St. James' Church today as follows:

Morning Prayer—11 A. M.

Te Deum..... Hadley
Jubilate ..... Hadley
Introit—"There Were Shepherds"..... Vincent
Offertory—Nazareth ..... Gounod

Organ Recital—7:30 P. M.

Fantasia Sonata..... Fumagalli
Cantilene Pastorale .....Guilmant
Ave Sanctissima .....Lux
Marche Rienzi .....Wagner

Evensong—8 P. M.

Magnificat ..... Field
Nunc Dim .....Field
Anthem—"O Come Let Us Worship"..... Mendelssohn
Offertory—Now we are Ambassadors
How Lovely are the Messengers... Mendelssohn

The offertory of the evening service will be devoted to the choir library.

TWO COMEDY FILMS

Beautiful Comedy Story Picture and Another Funny Film.

"He Who Laughs Last Laughs Best" and "If it Don't Concern You, Let it Alone" will be the films at the Bijou tomorrow afternoon and evening. One is a beautiful comedy story picture and the other is a comedy of exceptional merit. The former has to do with the matrimonial ventures of a sweet young girl and a crusty old aunt and the other is a series of ridiculous and absurd situations into which a misguided youth is plunged as a result of his endeavors to lend a helping hand to his fellow beings, where it is least desired. Both films are by the Essanay Mfg. Co., and run for one thousand feet. Essany films always have 'em laughing when "Good Night" shows up on the curtain.

Dr. Fluno to Lecture Tuesday.

Dr. Francis J. Fluno, C. S. D., a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., will arrive Monday from Kinston and will be a guest at The Orton. On Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock he will deliver a lecture on Christian Science at the Academy of Music. The lecture is under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of this city, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Quiet in Police Circles.

Four frivilous cases occupied the attention of Mayor Springer at the session of the police court yesterday noon, the principal defendant being George Brown, colored, on two charges of simple assault, who was given 30 days on the county roads for each offense. The remainder of the docket was one drunk, and a negro named Ammie Carter, held on suspicion of stealing a razor. The latter defendant was discharged.

Ladies' Golf Tournament.

The handicap tournament for ladies on the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club attracted quite a number of members and visitors to the grounds yesterday and a delightful afternoon was spent. An oyster roast was given and tea was served in the club house. Miss Lucile Murchison won the first prize in the match; Mrs. C. S. Grainger second and Miss Mary Calder third. The prizes were presented with all due ceremony.

Another Big Clothing Event.

To the clothes buying public the announcement of Mr. I. Shrier on another page of today's Star will be read with interest. By a large purchase of 537 imported suit fabrics, he is enabled to continue the popular sale of $12.50 suit, made to measure, and sample lengths of the splendid goods are now on display at his store.

Funeral of Mrs. Powers.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Katherine Powers, whose death occurred suddenly on Friday morning, will be conducted from St. Thomas' Catholic church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Father Dennen, officiating. Following the services at the church the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT.

Corporation of Trinity Church Makes Known Assets and Liabilities.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 2.—The corporation of Trinity Church for the first time in its history, made public today a statement of its assets and liabilities. In the public mind the property of the corporation had been valued at between $40,000,000 and $50,000,000, but in the statement the value of the realty is set down $13,646,300, and the bonds and mortgages on churches on which no interest is collected is in round numbers $370,000.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

As you are aware, North Carolina will be a dry State after January the 1st, 1909, we therefore take this means of notifying our friends and customers that after looking around for the best location to continue in our line of business, we decided to locate in Petersburg, Virginia. This place, being the best suitable City in Virginia to carry on our shipping business for North and South Carolina. At this City we have excellent shipping connections, being able to get our goods to you much quicker than Richmond, Norfolk or Portsmouth. We will open for business in Petersburg, January the 1st, 1909, and we assure you that all orders sent to us at that place will be given our prompt and careful attention, as has been done heretofore. Mail all orders after January the 1st, 1909, to The Darley Park Brewery Agency, Petersburg, Virginia.

Thanking you very kindly for all past favors and hoping we shall continue to enjoy a share of your valuable patronage, we remain,

Yours respectfully,
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LONGBOAT AGAIN WINNER

Won Over Italian Runner, Who Contested in London Olympiad.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—"Tom" Longboat the Canadian, tonight for the second time took the measure of Dorando Piatri the Italian, who almost won the great marathon at the London Olympiad. Dorando, as in his race with Longboat in New York, failed to go the distance. Time and again he sprinted in an effort to get away from the Indian, but without success.

In the 19th mile Dorando tried again and again to sprint away from the Indian, but the Canadian could not be shaken off. It was the Italian's last effort. In the sixth lap he began to falter and when he neared the finish line he stopped. His trainers rushed to his support and he was led from the track.

"His stomach has gone back on him," said Dorando's brother and trainer, who rushed to his side and led him away to the dressing room. Dorando was able to walk but appeared to be very weak.

QUEEN HELENA INJURED

While Assisting the Suffering at Messina She Was Caught in Rush.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Rome, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena has been slightly injured at Messina. A dispatch received here today from Minister of Justice Orlando, who is with their majesties at Messina says that a slight shock was experienced at Messina yesterday and the patients in one of the improvised hospitals were thrown into a condition of panic. Her Majesty was close by. She hurried to the scene and tried to allay the fears of the people. She was caught in a rush the patients were making for the open and sustained slight contusions on the chest. As the Duke of Aosta, was crossing the Via Carmine in Palmi the wall of a house fell and flying plaster struck him on the face and hand, inflicting slight scratches.

KING GIVES BOND.

Former North Carolinian Spent Yesterday in Detention Prison.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—Cardenio F. King, the financial agent who was convicted Tuesday of larceny of $22,000 from 27 customers, after spending almost the entire day in the detention penitentiary at the court house was released tonight. Bonds to the amount of $35,000 were furnished by Boston and Lynn men.

Up to his conviction Mr. King had been at liberty on $25,000 bonds, which amount was raised $10,000. At the conclusion of the trial Judge Schoefield allowed three days for the attorneys to secure the extra amount. King's attorneys have been given 30 days in which to file exceptions.

The fire in the afterhold of the steamer Texas, bound from Christiana Norway, to Havana, and lying in the Savannah river is as dangerous as before firemen and fire fighting tugs began their efforts to extinguish it. Thirty-six hours of constant battle has had little effect. Two hundred negroes will be put to work tomorrow to move the ship's cargo.

SORROW

must be deep in the mother's heart when she tries to console herself by saying "If I had not forgotten to get a bottle of GOWAN'S PREPARATION, little Baby would now be with me." Forget—why forget when there is no excuse. External and all druggists.

This Week's Specials:

Humpty Dumpty Stockings for boys and girls at 15c and 25c a pair.

Men's Holeproof Socks, per pair 25c

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Boys' Rain Coats, just arrived, 1909 style. Neat dark grey patterns, beautiful coat, price.....$5.00

Sweet-orr Working Men's Pants, all sizes, Union made, guaranteed not to rip, per pair.....$1.50

Coats to match, same prices.....$1.50

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A SENSATION IN CHINA

Peremptory Dismissal From Office of Grand Councillor Quan Shi-Kai Produces Consternation and Dismay Diplomats.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Peking, Jan. 2.—An edict issued today dismisses from office Yuan Shi-Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces. The reason given for this action is that he has rheumatism of the leg. The edict orders Yuan Shi-Kai to vacate all his offices and return to his home, adding:

"Thus our clemency toward him is manifested."

A second edict appoints Na-Tung, comptroller of customs an ex-Governor of Peking, grand councillor, presumably in Yuan Shi-Kai's place.

The members of the Diplomatic Corps at Peking are well night thunderstruck at the dismissal of Yuan Shi-Kai. The step is believed to be the outcome of a Manchu plot and there are indications that the Japanese representatives alone had any inkling of what was on foot.

Two hours after the foreign Ministers became cognizant of the edict of dismissal the American, German and British Ministers were in conference at the British legation.

The home Government will act only after an inter-change of ideas, but there is reason to believe tonight that Prince Ching, President of the Board of Foreign Affairs, will be waited upon tomorrow by a strong diplomatic combination such as the British, German and American representatives here.

There is nothing to indicate that the dismissal of Yuan Shi-Kai means danger to foreigners and the appointment of a successor has been swept away by this vindictive act, which will astonish and arouse the outside world, cripple China's credit and postpone the withdrawal of foreign troops probably for five years.

There are grave apprehensions here of revolutionary outbreaks in such centers as Canton and some of the most conservative diplomats already are suggesting the return of foreign troops to the lines of communication between Peking and Tien Tsin.

It is no exaggeration to say that the foreigners of Peking are overcome with astonishment at thise vidence of China's capacity to take such a reactionary step.

Yuan Shi-Kai, the great Viceroy of Chi Li province, was one of the most influential and powerful statesmen in the Chinese Empire. He has been called the strongest man in China since Li Hung Chang.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Na Tung it is believed in Washington is not of sufficiently high calibre to dominate the Chinese grand council as was the case when Yuan Shi-Kai was regarded as the power behind the throne. The prediction is heard that the deposed leader will be recalled to power before long.

Na Tung, however, has been a prominent figure in Chinese affairs for years, having been so prominent just before the Boxer outbreak that he came very near losing his head and actually was put out of office.

About 56 years old Na Tung is a Manchu, a people intensely jealous of the achievements of Yuan Shi-Kai, a Chinaman proper.

FAILED TO FILE MOTION

For Re-Hearing of Judgment Against Waters-Pierce Oil Company.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 2.—The Waters-Pierce Oil Company failed to file a motion today for a re-hearing of the $50,000 fine and judgment of ouster recently rendered by the Missouri Supreme court. This was the last day for filing.

The Waters-Pierce Company has until January 15th to show the Supreme Court it has severed all connections with the Standard Oil Company of Indiana ,and it has until March 1 to pay the fine.

Attorneys for the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, and the Republic Oil Company have already filed motions for re-hearing.

"WETS" WILL CONTEST.

The Roanoke Election—Claim Ward Law is Unconstitutional.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 2.—President and General Manager Louis A. Scholz, of the Virginia Brewing Company, of this city, tonight in a statement in which he speaks for the "wets" says that the election of last Wednesday at which Roanoke voted out the saloon by a majority of 86 will be contested and that the saloon forces are now preparing their case. The fight will be made on the proposition that the Ward law is contrary to the constitution of the State. The election was held under the Ward law, the constitutionality of which is soon to be settled by the State Supreme Court.

WARM WIRELETS.

Theodore E. Burton, of Cleveland, was named as the next Senator from Ohio by the Republican Senatorial caucus yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Augustus M. Eddy, mother-in-law of Senator Beveridge, of Indiana and sister of Mrs. Marshall Field of Chicago, died in Washington yesterday.

The Virginia State Baseball League did not meet yesterday to elect a president as was expected, but the meeting was postponed to Jan. 11th, in Lynchburg.

The Pier which was burned at Canton, Baltimore, Friday morning was owned by the Atlantic Transport Company, not by the Atlantic Coast Line as stated in the dispatch first sent out.

The one million dollar issue of Norfolk and Southern Railroad's certificates recently authorized by Federal Judge Waddill has been sold to Swartout and Appenseller of New York at 98.

THE ERB MURDER TRIAL

Mrs. Erb Testifies in Behalf of Herself and Sister—She Recounts the Inhuman Treatment at Hand of Her Husband.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Media, Pa., Jan. 2.—In a dramatic recital of wrongs alleged to have been inflicted upon her, Mrs. M. Florence Erb, who with her sister, Mrs. Catharine Beisel, is charged with the murder of Captain J. Clayton Erb at the Erb country home on the night of October 6th, told a story of almost savage cruelty that created a sensation today in the Delaware county court room where the trial has been in progress since Tuesday. Captain Erb was held up by his widow today as having committed deeds of brutality that startled all who heard it.

Mrs. Erb was on the stand for seven hours, being one of the first witnesses called by the defense which opened its side of the case. The Commonwealth claimed the shooting of Captain Erb was deliberate, while the defense is trying to show that Erb was killed by Mrs. Beisel in self defense.

Mrs. Erb told of her life at Red Gables, the Erb country home since 1906 when she first went to live there with Erb. She told a harrowing story of having been beaten, thrown out of the house on cold nights and of having been called vile names by the husband on many occasions. Quarrels, she alleged, were of daily occurrence. Even some of the servants in the house, she further alleged, insulted her and she was only laughed at by her husband.

She did not see the actual shooting she declared, but recounted the quarrel she had with the captain prior to the shooting during which she threw several household articles at him when he attempted to shoot her. Fearing for her life, she went on to say, she sent for her sister who came to her assistance and the shooting followed.

After describing event immediately preceeding the killing of her husband Mrs. Erb said: "Captain Erb aimed the pistol at me as I came out of my room and exclaimed: 'I'll get rid of you now.' I screamed and ran into my room. Mrs. Beisel flew at my husband. I heard shuffling of feet and then I heard a shot. Then more shots. When all was quiet I looked out of my room and I saw my husband lying on his face and my sister unconscious on the floor beside him. I ran wildly down the stairs to call for help."

WARM WIRELETS.

The delegates to the convention of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, in session in Pittsburg, Pa., decided to raise $200,000 for the purpose of erecting homes in different sections of the United States.

Dr. I. C. White, Virginia State Geologist, when asked about the reported volcanic activity in Pocahontas county merely smiled at the report. "It is probably nothing but a peaty soil on fire," he said.

In Whan Chang, the Korean who shot and killed Durham White Stevens in San Francisco last March, was yesterday sentenced to 25 years in the State penitentiary at San Quentin.

The Milledgeville, Ga., town council has imposed a license of $20,000 on sale of "Near Beer." The town experimented with a $1,000 license on locker clubs and its unqualified success lead to the "near beer" regulation to keep the town dry.

A great mass meeting having for its purpose expression of sympathy for the victims of the recent disastrous earthquake in Sicily and Calabria and the raising of funds for their relief will be held in Madison Square Garden in New York on the night of January 7th.

Hotel Accommodations In India.

All over the world Indian hotels have a bad name to any one who has been used to a moderate degree of comfort and good feeding. They are for the most part a disgrace. Why people should have to pay from 10 rupees to 25 rupees a day in the cold season and from 7 rupees to 12 rupees a day in the hot season without receiving comfort and good feeding seems at first difficult to answer. As a rule, the feeding is most inferior, badly served up, tablecloths and napkins frequently dirty, not to speak of the knives, forks, spoons and tumblers. Bedrooms are badly looked after, and unless one has a very smart bearer it is difficult to receive proper attention. All this should not be for such prices as people pay. In many third rate boarding houses in England one could get presumably as good as what is got in some of the so called first class hotels in Calcutta. —India Public Health.

The Artistic Poison.

Passing by other drugs, each of which has its own way of making people crazy, we come to what may be truly termed the artistic poison. This is, says Dr. William H. Thomson in Everybody's Magazine, the mescal button, which grows on a low cactus in the valley of the Rio Grande and fortunately is scarce and hard to get. Chewing this button causes the most gorgeously colored scenes to appear before the entranced vision, far surpassing, according to descriptions, the most magnificent sunsets. It would seem to be the drug for landscape painters, but unfortunately, whatever other things drugs do, they never increase efficiency. It was first discovered among the Kiowa tribe of Indians, who used it in their religious rites till missionaries induced the government to remove the Indians from where they could get it.

Cars Every Half Hour.

Today cars every half hour to the beach. Concert at Lumina at 3:30 P. M. **

HARRIMAN IS ACCUSES

Declared Through Control of Southern Pacific He is Responsible for "Graft" and Corruption in San Francisco.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—At the Long Table luncheon of the city club here today, Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, who prosecuted the "graft" cases in that city, declared that E. H. Harriman, of New York, through his control of the Southern Pacific railroad, was responsible for the "graft" and corruption that has been found in the Golden Gate City.

"With Abe Ruef and Harriman was linked the head of the United Railways Corporation of San Francisco by Mr. Heney, but the real boss, he said, sits in New York, and has as one of his chief agents, in California, W. F. Herrin, general counsel of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

"San Francisco is no worse and no better than the average American city," Mr. Heney said, "with the single exception, of course of Philadelphia, and here you have nothing like what we unearthed in my city. But the causes of corruption are the same in all cities. In San Francisco we found two elements at work. Coming from one source was the public service corporation and from another were the saloons and dives, while behind our backs these forces joined hands.

'In this unholy alliance the boss was the connecting link, but he was simply the agent of the real boss—the big business man who wanted to exploit the public service corporation. The political boss was really the small duck in the pond. Behind him was the public service corporation and the Southern Pacific Railroad.

"According to my deduction, the head of the legal department of the Southern Pacific Railroad, W. E. Herrin, was the boss behind the apparent boss. But I am convinced that Herrin was, after all, the tool of the actual boss—Harriman."

For a moment the auditors sat dazed by the daring character of this indictment, then burst into prolonged applause.

"We must reason from cause to effect," Mr. Henry went on. "The corruption of the city life in San Francisco was not found in the deals made by Ruef, but was due to the fact that Harriman wanted to use certain men. Our real boss sits in New York city and reaches across the country in working out his schemes.

"They say when these things are discussed that they must employ such means. They argue from the same premises that Jimmy Logue did when he planned to rob a bank—that he was in need of the money."

In Extremis.

Late one night a clergyman was called out to minister to an old man—a worker upon the adjacent railway—who was supposed to be dying. The summons was brought by another old man, the elder brother of the stricken one. While he was bustling about, making preparations for departure, the clergyman forgot momentarily the social status of his visitor and asked, "Is he in extremis?"

The old man was not going to be beaten. "Aye, he's right in, your reverence." After a pause he added as a clincher: "Clean in, poor chap. Right up to the neck, sir."—Cornhill Magazine.

He Had Been There.

Rodrick—Howdy, old man? We are going on a camping trip soon. Did you ever enjoy a camping trip where you had to do your own cooking and sleep beneath the stars? Van Albert—Nope. Rodrick—What? Do you mean to say you have never been on a camping trip? Van Albert—No. I mean to say that I never enjoyed one.—Chicago News.

Hospitality.

Mamma—Tommy, I see you took two pieces of cake instead of one, as I told you. Why did you do that? Tommy—Well, mamma, I was playing that another little boy was visiting me, and I knew you wouldn't mind me giving him a piece.—Chicago News.

Learning Early.

A Sunday school teacher had been telling her class the story of the good Samaritan. When she asked them what the story meant a little boy said: "It means that when I am in trouble my neighbors must help me."—Universalist Leader.

Won't Figures Lie?

Mrs. Hoyle—I am just twenty-three. Mrs. Doyle—I don't see how you figure it. You were twenty-two when you had your black silk, and you haven't had a new dress for ten years.—New York Press.

He Crowed Too Soon.

She—You'll be glad to learn, dear, that I've got out of visiting our relatives. He—Grand! Splendid! It hung over me like a cloud. How did you manage it? She—Oh, I asked them here!

DOES THIS SUIT YOU?

J. Frank Jarman, the enterprising Druggists of 107 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C., are having such a large run on "HYNDIPO," the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic, and hear it so highly praised that they now offer to guarantee it in every case to cure all forms of Kidney Troubles and Nervous Disorders.

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A BROKEN PANE OF GLASS.

One That Once Cost Citizen George Francis Train $60,000.

A broken window pane once cost George Francis Train more than $60,000. It was this way: Citizen Train, "with the brains of twenty men in his head, all pulling different ways," went to Omaha in the spring of 1864. At that time he was the most talked of man in America. He had not a thing but money. He bought 5,000 city lots and altogether spent several hundred thousand dollars. He boarded at the Herndon House, the best hotel in sight. The quixotic Train was regular in only one thing—his habits. He always occupied the same seat at the table. One morning a pane of glass was broken out of a window directly behind his chair. He protested and was advised to change his seat. He would not. Instead he paid a servant 10 cents a minute to stand between him and the draft. After breakfast he expostulated with the landlord, but received no satisfaction.

"Never mind," said Train. "In sixty days I will build a hotel that will ruin your business."

And he did. The contract was let that day. Scores of men were put to work. The site selected was Ninth and Harney streets, near the Missouri river. Citizen Train went to New York and engaged Colonel Cozzens, a noted caterer of that city, as manager for his hotel.

The building alone cost $40,000. The furnishings cost $20,000 more. In the basement was a gas plant, the only one west of St. Louis. The work was done on time, and, true to his word, sixty days after he threatened the manager of the Herndon House George Francis Train, citizen of the earth, opened his hotel, which he called the Cozzens House. The grand opening ball was attended by the governor of Nebraska and his staff, the mayor of Omaha and many notables from other states. The house was a blaze of glory and a scene of almost oriental magnificence. Just when the big reception was well on there was a sudden flash, a strange noise, and then—total darkness! The gas plant had collapsed.

The Cozzens House did a flourishing business for a year or two, and the Herndon House was badly crippled. Finally Train fell out with his manager, and the place was closed.

After the business part of Omaha moved back from the river the Herndon House declined and finally relapsed into a state of innocuous desuetude. A few years later it became the property of the Union Pacific railroad.

VOODOO DOCTORS.

Belief of Negroes In Their Ability to Work "Spells."

A well educated and clever negro in Philadelphia related, with obvious sincerity, an experience of his own with a famous voodoo "doctor" of that city who had grown rich from his wizardry.

"Once a person had a writ out against me," this negro said. "The constable had it. The magistrate was set against me. I went and got a charm from the 'doctor.' I met my enemy, but I was not seen. I met the constable, and he walked by and never noticed me. The magistrate did what he had never done before—forgot all about it. The voodoo stopped it all."

This same negro related another incident of his experience:

"Once I was nearly killed by a voodoo black cat, which used to come into the house. I threw a stick and hit it. It was a witch. It tormented me. I was ridden in dreams like a horse. I suffered terribly. I was dying. I went to the voodoo 'doctor.' I paid him $5 for a spell. That night I awoke. The window was open; the moon was shining. I saw the little black witch hovering up and down there. She was smaller than in her own body. She wore a very big, old fashioned bonnet. Her face was like that of the cat. But she did not come any closer to me. Then she faded away. That ended it."

The belief is prevalent among the negroes that witches have power to assume the forms of various animals. In South Carolina a means employed to guard against such visitations is to scatter rice or similar small grains thickly over the floor in the form of a cross. Before the witch can approach her victim she must devour every grain. This task is too tedious for her patience, and she takes herself off. —Marvin Dana in Metropolitan Magazine.

The Silver Rabbit.

There is a kind of rabbit which abounds in Lincolnshire, England, and is called the "silver rabbit." Its fur is of a delicate silvery gray. Although it is little prized in England, its skins are shipped in enormous numbers to different parts of Asia, especially Tartary and China, where the fur is considered the fittest thing for monarchs to wear. Only the richest can afford it there, so heavy is the price demanded.

Revenge!

"I," declared the popular author, "have signed an exclusive contract with one magazine."

"But now that you are famous," protested a friend, "other magazines will be writing for your work."

"And I shall decline their offers with thanks. I have even ordered some printed slips."—St. Louis Republic.

His Periodicals.

"Do you take any periodicals?" asked the clergyman on his first round of parish visits.

"Well, I don't," replied the woman, "but my husband takes 'em frequent. I do wish you'd try to get him to sign the pledge."—Judge.

The coroner's jury which met at Switchback, W. Va., yesterday, to investigate the explosion in the Lick Branch mine in McDowell county Tuesday rendered a verdict that persons "known and unknown came to their death from causes unknown." The Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company and its officers were exonerated.

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WANTED—At once a man to keep up saws and manage shingle mill. State experience and salary expected. Rivenbark Brothers, Watha, N. C. jan 3 1t*

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FINE STORE for rent, No. 22 Market street, formerly occupied as the Globe saloon. Will repair to suit a good tenant. Apply to James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate Agent. ja 3-1t.

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NOTICE—Jas. R. McIver is no longer in my employment, and is not connected with my business in any way. J. T. Burke, Jeweler and Optician. ja 3-1t.

A BLACK COW with long horns, found on my premises has been tied-up. Owner can get same by calling at corner of Seventh and Chesnut and paying for advertisement. G. W. Britt. jan. 3 1t

WANTED—A few more students to enter on special Christmas gift rate which expires January 10th. Start the New Year right—build the foundation for a successful business future now. Mid-winter term begins Jan. 4th. Southern Business College, City. jan 3 1t

YOUNG MEN can procure the best table board with privilege of phone. Call at 314 Red Cross street. 'Phone 452. jan 3 2t

WANTED—Position by young lady graduate in bookkeeping, also understands stenography. Address "Young Lady" care of Star. jan 3 1t

FOR SALE—One large refrigerator. Ice capacity 300 pounds. Also one fine walnut bar counter, 13 feet long. Apply to G. W. Linder & Co., corner of Front and Dock streets. jan 3 1t

BUILDING SHARES FOR SALE—15 shares in Citizens Building and Loan Association. Address "G" care of Star office. jan 3 1t*

WANTED—Family sewing. Ladies' and childrens' underwear a specialty. Call at 113 South Fifth street, City. jan 3 1t*

TO MY FRIENDS—I have opened at No. 16 North Second street, a wholesale and retail commission business. Consignments of chickens, eggs and all country produce handled, highest market prices and prompt returns. C. B. Bellois, Wilmington, N. C. jan. 3 1m

WANTED—Second hand flat top trunk medium size, good condition and cheap. State price and where can be seen. Address "Trunk" care of this office. jan 1 1t*

GOOD SOBER JOB PRINTER wanted. References exchanged. Record, Greensboro, N. C. Union. jan 3 3t

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

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IMPORTANT MEETING of Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., W. L. I. Armory, Tuesday, January 5th, 1909, 3 P. M. Election of officers. By order of President. Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, secretary. de 27-29 ja 1-3

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LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE by Francis J. Fluno, M. D., C. S. D., member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th, at 8:30 o'clock; Academy of Music. Admission Free. Public cordially invited. ja 1-4t.

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THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY,
Office of the Treasurer.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1908.

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, North Carolina, on and after January 11th, 1909, to stockholders of record on the 18th day of December, 1908. The transfer books are closed from the 18th day of December, 1908, at three o'clock P. M., to the 12th day of January, 1909, at ten o'clock A. M., both dates inclusive.

JAMES F. POST,
jan 1 to 11. Treasurer.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Laurinburg Exchange: Mrs. Hugh Hornaday was carried to the Johns Hopkins hospital last week for an operation. The last reports are that the operation was successful and Mrs. Hornaday is doing well.

—Concord Times: On Christmas day we had almost every kind of weather known, rain, hail, thunder and lightning and sunshine. There were two thunder storms, a thing almost unheard of at the time of the year.

—Salisbury Post: Captain A. Buford, the Southern's freight agent here was on ill-fated No. 35, in the wreck of which Engineer Satterfield was killed Tuesday night. "The dead engineer was a hero," said Captain Buford today. "He could have jumped and saved himself but in doing so he would have jeopardized the life of every passenger aboard the train. He stuck to his post and died—died like the brave man he was—to save the lives of others."

—Asheville Citizen: Last night was one of the quietest New Year's nights known in Asheville for many years. Even the steam whistles, which have hitherto given noisy welcome to the infant year, seemed to be lacking in volume and number. If there were any bells ringing nobody heard them. The streets, too, appeared to be almost deserted, the only visible late pedestrians being members of the colored population. A few little firecrackers were heard popping here and there, but these soon died for lack of company.

—Statesville, Jan. 1.—Mr. Durand Davis, who lives at Portland, Ore., writes his father, Deputy Collector J. M. Davis, of Statesville, that a man named Pardue, from North Carolina, was murdered at Portland about two months ago and no trace of his people could be found. The man who killed him is under sentence to be executed this month. As there are many Pardues in Wilkes, Yadkin and other counties in this section of the State, the dead man may have relatives in this section. His initials were not given in the letter.

—Washington (N. C.) Messenger: May Woolard, the woman who night before last fatally shot Jack Emerson-Stone and then shot herself twice, still lives, and will probably recover. Conscious of her horrible crime, and seemingly with no regret, she lies on a cot in the Washington Hospital guarded by a policeman. Though severely wounded in two places in the head, there is strong probability that she will recover to face a jury for her life. The woman has not betrayed the least remorse since regaining consciousness after killing the young musician and attempting to end her own existence.

—Asheville Citizen: Charged with an embezzlement alleged to have been committed at Charlotte, Henry Poor, a young man whose residence is Cincinnati, was arrested on westbound train No. 35 early yesterday morning by Police Captain Page and held at police headquarters pending further instructions from Charlotte. It is charged that Mr. Poor, who is a sales agent of the Phoenix Fire Appliance company of New York, under J. F. Newbegin, of Charlotte, made away with money belonging to the company, or Mr. Newbegin, the amount not being stated.

—Winston Journal, Dec. 31st: Although preparations had been making for several days for January 1, when the last drop of whiskey is supposed to have been sold legally in this State, yesterday was the banner day with the Morally Stunted. Most of the stuff has heretofore been bought at night—just before the closing hour—and yanked off in a grip or suit case, but yesterday it was literally lugged off in sacks and wagons. The reporter saw five men, all bent under their burden hiking it down Main street with sacks of the juicy corn, etcetera, on their backs. Unmindful of the looks of pity or of envy that were cast upon them, they merrily trudged along. They were preparing for prohibition—for the days when the stuff would be hard to get—and what did they care?

—Charlotte News: Ten minutes after a new picker machine was put into operation for the first time in the picker room of the Geo. A. Howell & Sons' yarn mill on East Fifth street today at noon, fire of a most unusual origin started and spread with the rapidity of a forest fire from one end of the room to the other. Mr. Howell and three or four others were standing around the machine watching it work. They saw a spark which was caused by two pieces of steel striking together, and like a flash the entire room was enveloped. Mr. Howell and those with him had to run for their lives. Great volumes of smoke poured from the windows and the thousand or more spectators who looked on thought the fire would certainly ruin all the machinery in its path. Gallons and gallons of chemical fluids and thousands of gallons of water were emptied into the room, yet not a piece of machinery was damaged.

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WEDDING AT HOUSE PARTY

Beautiful Family Gathering in Harnett County During the Holidays.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Duke, N. C., Dec. 30.—For a week the home of Mr. E. R. Thomas, here has been the scene of the greatest Christmas cheer. The annual reunion of Rev. G. D. Langston's family met this year with Mrs. Thomas, eldest daughter of Rev. Langston.

On Christmas eve, the last of the family had arrived, and the house was alive with music, laughter and reminiscences of the past year. Callers, on Christmas eve night, found Rev. and Mrs. Langston the jolliest of the lot, for they had once more their six children gathered around them, and their sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, with the seven little ones, the eldest four years old: Mrs. E. R. Thomas, with her husband and three little boys, Mr. W. H. Langston of Winston-Salem, with his wife and two children, Mr. J. D. Langston, attorney, of Mt. Olive, N. C., with his wife and little son, Mrs. H. J. Elmore and little son of Rocky Mount, Miss Sophronia Langston of Southport and Miss Jennie Langston of Durham.

The Christmas tree, reaching from floor and brushing the ceiling, was loaded with the presents that each member of the family had contributed for the others and the children were wild with glee. Christmas morning was a scene of hilarious confusion, as each child and each man and woman scrambled out of bed for the Santa Claus stocking lying just outside the door. Since then, the house has been the usual family jollification, and nursery rings with the shouts of the children.

When the babies are in bed and the ten grown people gather around the table and when the feast is over and the fruit and nuts pass round and the big punch bowl is in place, these are the happiest moments of all, for each member of the family brings out his wittiest sayings, and childhood's jokes are retold of the barefoot times, when the rod was not spared, and each one recalls some childish prank that has been forgotten, and the years slip back from the parents hearts. There is laughter and song, and a tear-drop slips when the dear old grandmother and baby Joe is mentioned, and when the bright, cheerful blind sister sings one of the old childhood melodies, sung when the stars were bright and the fields were green to her.

Today it is time for the party to break up. For a week there has been joy that but few on earth can ever know, and last night, the 29th, this united family gathered in the parlor which had been decorated for the holidays, and now a beautiful bower stood where the Christmas tree has been standing. The color scheme was pink and white, the electric lights in the parlor being covered with pink and the candles in pink shades. The bower was woven of holly, mistletoe and the pink and white colors, and in the back-ground of the arch was a tall plate glass mirror, reaching more than half way to the ceiling.

At 9 o'clock, the soft strains of Mendelsshon's wedding march were heard, softly rendered by Mrs. Elmore, and the family entered as follows: Rev. Langston and wife, the mother being placed in the seat of honor, the father took his stand under the arch to perform the beautiful ring ceremony of the Methodist Church. Next entered Mr. J. D. Langston, with his wife, and took their places on one side of the arch; then came Mrs. E. R. Thomas and Mrs. W. H. Langston, who stood on the opposite side of the arch; then entered Miss Sophronia Langston, maid of honor, dressed in a soft white princess and carrying a shower bouquet in pink. After these, came the groom, Mr. F. S. Thomas, leaning on the arm of his twin brother, Mr. E. R. Thomas, and last entered the bride, Miss Jennie Langston, on the arm of her eldest brother, Mr. W. H. Langston.

The bride was dressed in white, and the bridal veil, an old family veil under which all the brides of this family have plighted their troth, was caught up with a brooch of pearls and diamonds, also a family heirloom.

After the ceremony was over and the blessing pronounced, the party all went into the dining room, the color scheme of which was canary and green, and a dainty dinner was served, after which toasts were given the bride and groom over the punch bowl.

Today the family leave for their respective homes and the bride and groom leave on the train going south.

This has been one of the happiest reunions that this large family has ever enjoyed, and yet they claim that every reunion is the happiest.

—Newbern Journal: The Woodmen of the World of this city have been having a big parade several New Year's days, but on account of hard times, many of the members having been out of work, the parade was omitted this year. But they will try to have a bigger one than ever in 1910.

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	No. 42.	No. 48.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:53 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

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SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'vlle		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:30 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

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Satan Sanderson

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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—David Stires, determined to disinherit his scapegrace son Hugh in favor of his blind ward, Jessica Holme, is dissuaded by the girl and the Rev. Harry Sanderson. The latter, who resembles Hugh greatly, sowed his wild oats with the younger Stires in college, where he was known as "Satan Sanderson." II—Hugh returns and is welcomed by his father. There is no hope of Hugh's reformation, but Jessica, deceived by her blindness, loves him. He plans to marry her. III—Harry lends him money. IV—Jessica is to marry Hugh and a foreign surgeon is coming to operate on her eyes. Jessica, whose sight is restored, is married to Hugh, Harry officiating, although he loves the girl. Immediately after the ceremony Stires is informed that his son has forged his name for $5,000. V—Harry, sent up-stairs to bring Jessica to the old man, is mistaken by her for her newly wedded husband. He kisses her. VI—Hugh flees, and Jessica reproaches Harry for having led him into evil ways in college. Stires signs the will disinheriting Hugh. VII and VIII—Nearly a year has passed. Hugh who has been in the mining country, returns and reproaches Harry for his downfall. The minister in an effort to save him plays cards with him on the altar table. Harry stakes gold and the spendthrift waxen wafers, each one representing a day of decent living. IX—Hallelujah Jones, an itinerant preacher, spies on the game and breaks in on it with Harry's bishop. Hugh vanishes, and Harry jumps into an automobile for a swift ride. X—The minister's car falls into the river, and he is hurt. Harry wakes to find himself unconscious of his own identity in a freight car with tramps. He wears a ring with his initials, "H. S.," but they signify nothing to him. XI.—Jessica, accompanying Stires, who is in poor health, is in a mountain sanitarium overlooking the Little Paymaster claim and the town of Smoky Mountain. In town she hears the name Hugh Stires execrated. XII.—In Smoky Mountains Harry is taken for Hugh. He whips Devlin, the town bully, Jessica witnessing the fight. His part is taken by Tom Felder, attorney. XIII—Going out of town. Harry is struck by a stone hurled at him by one of the mob. XIV—Jessica and Prendergast, Hugh's partner, take Harry, whom they both mistake for Hugh, to the latter's cabin.

As he stared again at the seated figure, the grim fact reared like a grisly specter, deriding, thrusting its haggard presence upon him. In this little community, which apparently he had forsaken and to which he had by chance returned, he stood a rogue and a scoundrel, a thing to point the finger at and to avoid. The question that had burned his brain to fire flamed up again. The town despised him. What had been his career? How had he become a pariah? And by what miracle had he been so altered as to look upon himself with loathing?

"I'm going to cook you some breakfast."

He lifted himself upright, dropping his feet to the floor. At the movement the man on the doorstep rose quickly and came forward.

"You're better, Hugh," he said. "Take it easy though. Don't get up just yet—I'm going to cook you some breakfast." He turned to the hearth, kicked the smoldering log ends together and set a saucepan on them. "You'll be stronger when you've got something between your ribs," he added.

"How long have I been lying here?" asked Harry.

"Only since last night. You've had a fever."

"Where is my dog?"

"Dog?" said the other. "I never knew you had one."

Harry's lips set bitterly. It had fared more hardly, then, than he. It had been a ready object for the crowd to wreak their hatred upon, because it belonged to him—because it was Hugh Stires' dog!

"Is this your cabin, my friend?"

The figure bending over the hearth straightened itself with a jerk, and the blinking yellow eyes looked hard at him. Prendergast came close to the bunk.

"That's the game you played in the town," he said, with a surly sneer. "It's all right for those that take it in, but you needn't try to bamboozle me, pretending you don't know your own claim and cabin! I'm no such fool!"

A dull flush came to Harry's brow. Here was a page from that iniquitous past that faced him. His own cabin! And his own claim! Well, why not?

"You are mistaken," he said calmly. "I am not pretending. I cannot remember you."

Prendergast laughed in an ugly, derisive way. "I suppose you've forgotten the half year we've lived here together and the gold dust we've gathered in now and again—slipped it all, have you?"

Harry stood up. The motion brought a temporary dizziness, but it passed. He walked to the door and gazed out on the pleasant green of the hillside. On a tree near by was nailed a rough, weather beaten board on which was scrawled, "The Little Paymaster Claim." He saw the grass grown gravel trenches, evidence of abandoned work. He had been a miner. That in itself was honest toil.

"The claim is good, then," he said over his shoulder. "We found the pay?"

Prendergast contemplated him a moment in grim silence, with a scowl. "You're either really fuddled, Hugh," he said then, "or else you're a star play actor and up to something deep. Well, have it your own way—it's all the same to me. But you can't pull the wool over my eyes long!"

There were mockery and threat in his tone; but, more than both, the evil intimacy in his words gave Harry a qualm of disgust. This man had been his associate. That one hour in the town had shown him what his own life there had been.

What should he do? Forsake forever the neighborhood where he had made his blistering mark? Fling all aside and start again somewhere and leave behind this disgraceful present, with that face that had looked into his from above the dusty street?

If fate intended that, why had it turned him back? If such was the bed he had made, he would lie in it. He would drink the gall and vinegar without whimpering. Whatever lay behind he would live it down. This man at least had befriended him.

He turned into the room. "Perhaps I shall remember after awhile." He took the saucepan from Prendergast's hand. "I'll cook the breakfast," he said.

Prendergast filled his pipe and watched him. "I guess there are bats in your belfry, sure enough, Hugh," he said at length. "You never offered to do your stint before."

Chapter 16

FROM the moment her kiss fell upon the forehead of the delirious man in the cabin Jessica began to be a prey to new emotions, the significance of which she did not comprehend. That kiss, she told herself that night, had been given to her dead ideal that had lain there in its purifying grave clothes of forgetfulness. Yet it burned on her lips, as that other kiss in a darkened room had burned afterward, but with a sense of pleasure, not of hurt. It took her back into crimson meadows with her lost girlhood and its opaled outlook—and Hugh.

But largest of all in her mind next day was anxiety. She must know how he fared. In the open daylight she could not approach the cabin, but she reflected that the doctor had been there and no doubt had carried some report of him to the town. So as the morning grew she rode down the mountain ostensibly to get the cherry cordial she had left behind her the day before, really to satisfy her hunger for news.

As it happened Mrs. Halloran's first greeting set her anxiety at rest. Prendergast had bought some tobacco at the general store an hour before while she had been making her daily order, and the storekeeper had questioned him. To an interested audience he had told of the finding of Hugh on the mountain road in a sort of crazy fever and enlarged upon the part the girl on horseback had played. Hugh was all right now, he said, except that he didn't remember him or the cabin or Smoky Mountain.

What Prendergast had said Mrs Halloran told Jessica in a breath. Before she finished she found that Jessica had not heard of the incident in the saloon which had precipitated the fight with Devlin, and with sympathetic rhetoric Mrs. Halloran told this too.

"Why does Smoky Mountain hate him so? What has he done?" asked Jessica.

Mrs. Halloran shook her head. "I never knew anything myself," she said judiciously. "I reckon the town allus counted him just a general low down. The rest is only suspicion an' give the dog a bad name."

There had been comfort for Jessica in this interview. Mrs. Halloran's story had materially increased the poignant force of her pity. What had seemed to her a vulgar brawl had been in reality a courageous and unselfish championship of a defenseless outcast. Thinking of this, the self blame and contrition which she had felt when she listened to the violin assailed her anew, till she seemed a very part of the guilt, an equal sinner by omission.

Yet she rode homeward that day with almost a light heart.

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As Harry stood in the cabin doorway looking after Prendergast toward the town, glistening far below in the morning sunlight, he thought bitterly of his reception there.

"They all knew me," he thought. "Every one knew me—on the street, in the hotel. They know me for what I have been to them. Yet to me it is all a blank. What shameful deeds have I done?" He shrank from memory now. "What was I doing so far away, where was I going, on the night when I was picked up beside the railroad track? I may be a drunkard," he said to himself. "No, in the past month I have drunk hard, but not for the taste of the liquor. I may be a gambler, I may be a cheat, a thief. Yet how is it possible for bad deeds to be blotted out and leave no trace? Actions breed habit if they do not spring from it, and habit automatically repeated becomes character. I feel no inherent propensity to rob or defraud. Shall I? Will these things come back to me if my memory does?"

In the battle that he fought now he turned, even in his weakness, to manual labor, striving to dull his thought with mechanical movement. He cleaned and put to rights both rooms and sorted their litter of odds and ends. But at times the inclination to escape became well nigh insupportable. When the conflict was fiercest, he would think of a girl's face once seen, and the thought would restrain him. Who was she? Why had her look pierced through him? In that hateful career that seemed so curiously alien could she have had a part?

He did not know that she of whom he wondered in the bitterest of those hours had been very near him; that on her way up the mountain she had stolen down to the Knob to look through the parted bushes to the cabin with the blue spiral rising from its chimney.

Though the homely task to which he turned failed to allay his struggle by

"The rest is only suspicion."

nightfall, Harry had put the warring elements under. When Prendergast returned at supper time, the candle was lighted in its wall box, the dinted tea kettle was singing over a crackling fire and Harry was perspiring over the scouring of the last utensil.

Prendergast looked the orderly interior over on the threshold with a contemptuous amusement. "Almost thought I was in church," he said. He took off his coat and lazily watched the other cook the frugal evening meal. "Excuse my not volunteering," he observed. "You do it so nicely I'm almost afraid you'll have another attack of that forgettery of yours and go back to the old line."

Presently he looked at the bunk clean and springy with fresh out spruce shoots. He went into it, knelt down and thrust an arm into the empty space beneath it. He got up hastily.

"What have you done with that?" he demanded, with an angry snarl.

"With what?" Harry turned his head as he set two tin plates on the bare table.

"With what was under here."

"There was nothing there but an old horse skin," said Harry. "It is hanging on the side of the cabin."

With an oath Prendergast flung open the door and went outside. He re-entered quickly with the white hide in his arms, wrapped it in a blanket and thrust it back under the bunk.

"Has any one been here today since you put it out there?" he asked quickly.

"No," said Harry, surprised. "Why?"

Prendergast chuckled. The chuckle grew to a guffaw, and he sat down, slapping his thigh. Presently he went to the wall, took the chamois skin bag from its hiding place and poured some of its yellow contents into his palm. "That's why. Do you remember that eh?"

Harry looked at it. "Gold dust," he said. "I seem to recall that. I am going to begin work in the trench tomorrow. There should be more where that came from."

Prendergast poured the gold back into the bag with a cunning look. The other had asked for no share of it. At that moment he decided to say nothing of the evening before, of the girl or the horseback journey, lest Hugh, cudgeling his brains, might remember he had been offered a half.

"There's plenty more where that came from, all right," he said, "and I'll teach you again how to get it one of these days."

Prendergast said little during the meal. When the table was cleared he lit his pipe and took from a shelf a board covered with penciled figures and scrutinized it.

"Hope you remember how to play old sledge?" he said.

Harry did not move. As they ate he had been wondering how long he could abide that sinister presence. As he was about to speak a knock came at the cabin door, and Prendergast opened it.

The visitor Harry recognized instantly. It was the man who had called for fair play at the fight before the saloon, who had drawn him into the hotel.

Felder carried a bundle under his arm. He nodded curtly to Prendergast and addressed himself to Harry.

"I am the bearer of a gift from some one in the town," he said. "I have been asked to deliver this to you." He put the bundle into the other's hands.

Harry drew up one of the chairs hastily. "Please sit down," he said courteously. He looked at the bundle curiously. "Et eos dona ferentes," he said slowly. "A gift from some one in the town!"

A keen surprise flashed into the lawyer's glance. "The quotation is classic," he said, "but it need not apply here." He took the bundle, unwrapped it and disclosed a battered violin. "Let me explain," he continued. "For the owner of this you fought a battle yesterday. You tested its tone a little later. It seems that you are a master of the most difficult of instruments. There was a time, I believe, when the old man was its master also. He was once, they say, the conductor of an orchestra in San Francisco. Drink and the devil finally brought him down. For three years past he has lived in Smoky Mountain. Nobody knows his name. The town has always called him 'Old Despair.' You did him what is perhaps the first real kindness he has ever known at its hands. He has done the only thing he could to requite it."

"It was his express wish that I give the violin to you."

Harry had colored painfully as Felder began to speak. His voice was unsteady as he answered:

"I appreciate it, I am deeply grateful, but it is quite impossible that I accept it from him."

"You need not hesitate," said the lawyer. "Old Despair needs it no longer. He died last night in Devlin's dance hall, where he played when he was sober enough for his lodging. I happened to be near by, and I assure you it was his express wish that I give the violin to you."

Rising, he held out his hand. "Good night," he said. "I hope your memory will soon return. The town is much interested in your case."

The flush grew deeper in Harry's cheek, though he saw there was nothing ironical in the remark. "I scarcely hope so much," he replied. "I am learning that forgetfulness has its advantages."

Chapter 17

THE little town had been unconsciously grateful for its new sensation. The return of Hugh Stires and his apparent curious transformation was the prime subject of conversation. For a half year the place had known but one other event as startling. That was the finding some months before of a dead body—that of a comparative stranger in the place—thrust beneath a thicket on Smoky mountain, on the very claim which now held Prendergast and his partner.

The "amen corner" of the Mountain Valley House had discussed the pros and cons exhaustively. There were many who sneered at the loss of memory and took their cue from Devlin, who, smarting from his humiliation and nursing venom, revamped suspicions wherever he showed his battered face. In his opinion Hugh Stires was "playing a slick game."

"Your view is colored by your prejudices, Devlin," said Felder. "He's been a blackleg in the past—granted. But give the devil his due. As for the other ugly tale, there's no more evidence against him than there is against you or me!"

"They didn't find the body on my ground," had been the other's surly retort, "and I didn't clear out the day before either."

The phenomenon, however, whether credited or poohpoohed, was a drawing card. More than a few found occasion to climb the mountain by the hillside trail that skirted the lonely cabin. These as likely as not saw Prendergast lounging in the doorway smoking, while the younger man worked, leading a trench along the brow of the hill to bring the water from its intake, which Harry's quick eye had seen was practicable.

The spectacle of Hugh Stires, who had been used to pass his days in the saloons and his nights in even less becoming resorts, turned practical miner added a touch of opera bouffe to the situation that to a degree modulated the rigor of dispraise. It was the consensus of opinion that the new Hugh Stires seemed vastly different from the old; that if he were "playing a game" it was a curious one.

On the one side was a black record, exemplified in Prendergast—clouded infamy, a shuddering abhorrence of his past self as he saw it through the pitiless lens of public opinion; on the other was a grim constancy of purpose, a passionate wish to reconstruct the warped structure of life of which he found himself the tenant, days of healthful, peace inspiring toil, a woman's face

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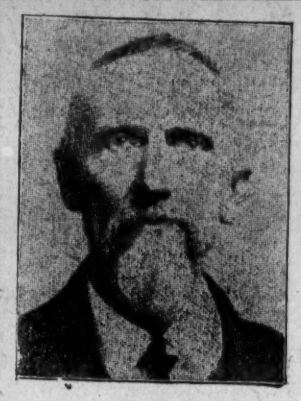

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Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M

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de 10-oaw-6t. Executrix.

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TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 I. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

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SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

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that threaded his every thought. As he wielded his pick in the trench or laboriously washed out the few glistening grains that now were to mean his daily sustenance he turned often to gaze up the slope where, set in its foliage, the glass roof of the sanitarium sparkled softly through the Indian haze. Strange that the sight should mysteriously suggest the face that haunted him!

Prendergast saw the abstracted regard as he came up the trail from the town. He was in an ugly humor. The bag of gold dust which he had shown to Harry he had not returned to the hiding place in the wall, and with this in his pocket the faro table had that day tempted him. The pouch was empty now.

Harry's back was toward him, and the gold pan in which he had been washing the gravel lay at his feet. With a noiseless, mirthless laugh Prendergast stole into the cabin and reached down from the shelf the bottle into which each day Harry had poured his scanty findings. He weighed it in his hand—almost two ounces, a little less than $20. He hastily took the empty bag from his pocket.

But just then a shadow darkened the doorway, and Harry entered. He saw the action and, striding forward, took the bottle from the other's hand.

Prendergast turned on him, a sinister snarl under his affectation of surprise. "Can't you attend to your own rat killing?" he growled. "I guess I've got a right to what I need."

"Not to that," said Harry quietly. "We shall touch the bottom of the flour sack tomorrow. You expect to get your meals here, I presume."

"I still look forward to that pleasure," answered Prendergast, with an evil sneer. "Three meals a day and a rotten roof over my head. When I think of the little I have done to deserve it, the hospitality overcomes me. All I have done is to keep you from starving to death and out of quod at the same time. I only taught you a safe way to beat the game, an easier one than you seem to know, and to live on Easy street."

"I am looking for no easy way," responded Harry, "whatever you mean by that. I expect to earn my living as I'm earning it now. It's an honest method, at all events."

"You've grown all nred particular since you lost your memory," retorted Prendergast, his eyes narrowing. "You'll be turning dominie one of these days. Perhaps you expect to get the town to take up with you and to make love to the beauty in the green riding habit that brought you here on her horse the night you were out of your head."

Harry started. "What do you mean?" he asked thickly.

Prendergast's oily manner was gone now. His savage temper came uppermost.

"I forgot you didn't know about that," he scoffed. "I made a neat story of it in the town. They've been gabbling about it ever since."

Harry caught his breath. As through a mist he saw again that green habit on the hotel balcony—that face that had haunted his waking consciousness. It had not been Prendergast alone, then, who had brought him here. And her act of charity had been made, no doubt, a thing for the tittering of the town, cheapened by chatter, coarsened by joke!

"I wonder if she'd done it if she'd known all I know," continued the other malevolently. "You'd better go up to the sanitarium, Hugh, and give her a nice sweet kiss for it!"

A lust of rage rose in Harry's throat, but he choked it down. His hand fell like iron on Prendergast's shoulder and turned him forcibly toward the open door. His other hand pointed, and his suppressed voice said: "This cabin has grown too small for us both. The town will suit you better."

"The town will suit you better."

Prendergast shrank before the wrath whitened face, the dangerous sparkle in the eyes. "You've got through with me," he glowered, "and you think you can go it alone." The old suspicion leaped in the malicious countenance. "Well, it won't pay you to try it yet. I know too much! Do you understand? I know too much!"

Harry went out of the cabin. At the door he turned. "If there is anything you own here," he said, "take it with you. You needn't be here when I come back."

His fingers shaking with the black rage in his heart, Prendergast gathered his few belongings, rolled them in the white horse skin which he drew from beneath his bunk and wrapped the whole in a blanket. He fastened the bundle in a pack strap, slung it over his shoulder and left the cabin. He settled his burden and went rapidly down the trail, turning over in his mind his future schemes.

As it chanced, there was one who saw his vindictive face. Jessica, crouched on the Knob, had seen him come and now depart, pack on back, and guessed that the pair had parted company. Her whole being flamed with sympathy. She could see his malignant scowl plainly from where she leaned, screened by the bushes. It terrified her. What had passed between them in the cabin? She left the Knob wondering.

All that evening she was ill at ease. At midnight, sleepless, she was looking out from her bedroom window across the phantom peopled shadows, where on the face of the pale sky the stars trembled like slow tears. Anxiety and dread were in her heart; a pale phantom of fear seemed lurking in the shadows; the night was full of dread.

Chapter 18

ON the day following the explusion of Prendergast, Harry woke restless and unrefreshed. Fleeting sensations mocked him—a disturbing conviction that the struggling memory in some measure had succeeded in reasserting itself in the shadowy kingdom of sleep. Waking, the apparitions were fled again into their obscurity, leaving only the wraiths of recollection to startle and disquiet. A girl's face hovered always before him—ruling his consciousness as it had ruled his sleeping thought.

He took down from its shelf the bottle he had rescued from Prendergast's intention and emptied it of its glistening grains—enough to replenish his depleted stock of provisions. He paused a moment as he put on his hat, smiling whimsically, a little sadly. He dreaded entering the town. But there could be no remedy in concealment. If he was to live and work there, appear he must on the streets sooner or later. Smoky Mountain must continue to think of him as it might. What he was from that time on was all that could count to him.

If he had but known it there was good reason for hesitation today. Early that morning an angry rumor had disturbed the town. The sluice of the hydraulic company had been robbed again. Some two months previously there had occurred a series of depredations by which the company had suffered. The boxes were not swept of their golden harvest each day, and in spite of all precautions coarse gold had disappeared mysteriously from the riffles, this, although armed men had watched all night. There had been much guess work. The cabin on the hillside was the nearest habitation—the company's flume disgorged its flood in the gulch beneath it—and suspicion had eventually pointed its way. The sudden ceasing of the robberies with the disappearance of Hugh Stires had given focus to this suspicion. Now, almost coincident with his return, the thievery had recommenced. It had been a red letter day for Devlin and his ilk, who cavilled at the more charitable. Of all this, however, the object of their "I told you so" was serenely ignorant.

Entering the town, there were few stirring on the sunny streets, but he could not but be aware that those he met stopped to gaze after him. Some indeed followed. His first objective point was a jeweler's, where he could turn his gold dust into readier coin for needful purchases. He saw a sign next the Mountain Valley House and entered.

The jeweler weighed the dust, with a distrustful frown, but Harry's head was turned away. He was reading a freshly printed placard tacked on the wall, an offer of reward for the detection of the sluice thief. He read it through mechanically, for as he read there came from the street outside a sound that touched a muffled chord in his brain. It was the exhaust of a motor car.

He thrust the money the goldsmith grudgingly handed him into his pocket and turned to the door. A long red automobile had stopped at the curb. Two men whom it carried were just entering the hotel. Something in the sight of the long, low "racer" reminded Harry—of what? His eye traced its polished lines, noting its cunning mechanism, its build for silent speed, with the eager lighting of a connoisseur. He took a step toward it, oblivious to all about him.

He did not note that men were gathering, that the nearest saloon was emptying of its occupants. Nor did he see a girl on horseback, with a tiny child before her on the saddle, who reined up sharply opposite.

The rider was Jessica, the child an ecstatic five-year-old she had picked up on the fringe of the town to canter in with her hands gripping the pommel of the saddle. She saw Harry's position instantly and guessed it perilous. What did the men mean to do? She leaned forward, a swift apprehension in her face.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market, nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine quiet 39 1-2; rosin quiet $2.60; tar, nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	15
Rosin	70
Tar	165
Crude Turpentine	25

Receipts, same day last year 15 casks spirits turpentine; 112 barrels rosin; 60 barrels tar; 43 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 9-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-16c.

Receipts—1,058 bales, same day last year 1,832 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, January 2nd.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish 90@95c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 14c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 13 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for spring; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 9; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Holiday; net receipts 9,610; stock 150,732.

New Orleans—Holiday; net receipts 620; stock 341,767.

Mobile—Quiet, 8 7-8; net receipts 1,232; stock 70,712.

Savannah—Holiday; net receipts 3,201; stock 150,049.

Wilmington—Net receipts 653; stock 15,866.

Norfolk—Net receipts 1,846; stock 29,715.

Boston—Quiet, 9.35.

Philadelphia—Steady, 9.60; stock 2,675.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Holiday; net receipts 5,631; stock 158,814.

Augusta—Holiday; stock 104,038.

Memphis—Net receipts 1,266; stock 193,773.

St. Louis—Stock 41,765.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 609; stock 19,219.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-8.

Little Rock—Quiet, 8 3-8; net receipts 1,405; stock 46,080.

Total today—Net receipts 8,911; gross receipts 10,867; shipments 14,902; sales 400; stock 558,689.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 2.—The dry goods market was quiet for the day. Trade for 1909 in the primary channels promises very well and much confidence is expressed in the continued progress toward normal conditions as the year goes on.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 2.—Money on call nominal. Time loans dull and easy; sixty days and ninety days 3 per cent., six months 3 1-4 to 3 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8510 to 4.8515 for sixty day bills and at 4.8710 to 4.8715 for demand; commercial bills 4.84 7-8 to 4.85. Bar silver 50 1-4. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 2.—The first business day of the year was quite cheerful in the stock market, although the transactions were small, owing to the number of members absent to prolong the holiday until Monday. The two hours session of the stock exchange today did not offer sufficient inducement to bring back many who had left town on Thursday. The banking community was busy with annual settlements.

The New York Central was conspicuous for a spurt to 131, an uncovered short interest figuring apparently in its violent advance. The shorts were driven to cover by the showing of earnings for November, a nominal decrease in gross earnings being accompanied by a cut of over a million dollar in operating expenses, with corresponding advantage to the new showing. New York Central exhibit was the more remarkable by contrast with the Pennsylvania report which disclosed a decline of $1,625,800 in the parallel comparison with November of last year. Brooklyn Transit's buoyant rise was accompanied by renewal of oft-repeated dividend rumors. A few other special stocks moved widely but the action of the market in general was sluggish.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales par value, were $2,438,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call for the week. Total sales of stocks today were 399,800 shares.

Bonds are dealt in "and interest" beginning today, by a new rule of the stock exchange. Allowance for interest accrued figures in the price quotation today.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 2.—The clearing house banks statements shows (five days) that the banks hold $20,957,300 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is an increase of $4,033,075 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows: Loans $1,273,220,700, decrease $3,524,600; Deposits $1,320,867,600, decrease $1,284,300; Circulation $50,360,900, increase $1,231,300; Legal Tenders $79,548,100, increase $1,285,400; Specie $271,626,100, increase $2,427,500. Reserve $351,175,200, increase $3,713,900. Reserve required $330,216,900, increase $419,325. surplus $20,957,300, increase $4,033,975. Excess of United States deposits $23,150,300, increase $3,910,600. The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks todayy was 26.25.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that these institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,128,538,300, total cash on hand $109,740,800 and loans amounting to $1,061,461,400.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	103
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	119 1-2
U. S. 4s cou	120 1-2
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	107
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	96 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	101 1-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	102
Seaboard Air Line 4s	65 1-4
Southern Railway 5s	109 3-4
U. S. Steel 5s	102 1-8

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	84 5-8
Amr. Car & Foundry	49 7-8
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	108
Amr. Cotton Oil Co	43 1-4
Amr. Locomotive	57 1-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref	83 3-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	101 1-4
Amr. Sugar Refining	131
Amr. Tobacco pfd	93 1-2
Atchison	100 3-4
Atchison pfd	101 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	110 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio	111 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Chesapeake & Ohio	57 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	151 1-8
Colorado & Southern	57
Erie	34 5-8
Erie 1st pfd	51
Erie 2nd pfd	40
Great Northern pfd	147 5-8
Kansas City Southern	41 1-4
Kansas City Southern pfd	71
L. & N.	127
Norfolk & Western	85 1-2
Northern Pacific	143
Pennsylvania	132 1-8
People's Gas	104 3-4
Reading	143 3-8
Rock Island Co	24 7-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	61 1-2
Southern Pacific	121
Southern Pacific pfd	122 1-2
Southern Railway	26 7-8
Southern Railway pfd	62 1-4
Standard Oil Co	685
Union Pacific	183 5-8
U. S. Steel	53 5-8
U. S. Steel pfd	112 7-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	44 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd ex div	112
Western Union	69 1-2
Westinghouse Electric Co	85 1-2

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Reports of damage by Hessian flies to the fall sown crop of wheat in this country inspired considerable buying by shorts in the wheat market here today resulting in a firm close, final quotations showing net gains of 1-8 to 3-8 to 1-2c. Corn closed steady. Oats easy, and provisions firm.

Leading futures were as follows:

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
May ..	1 07 3-8	1 08	1 07 7-8
July ..	98 7-8	99 1-4	99 1-4
Sept ..	95 1-2	95 5-8	95 1-2
Corn.			
May ..	61 1-8	61 1-4	61 1-8
July ..	61 1-4	61 1-2	61 3-8
Sept ..	61 3-8	61 1-2	61 1-2
Oats.			
May ..	51 1-2	51 1-2	51 3-8
July ..	46 1-8	46 1-8	46 1-8
Sept ..	39 1-4	39 1-4	39 1-4
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan. ..	16 30	16 32 1-2	16 32 1-2
May ..	16 50	16 55	16 55
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan. ..	9 50	9 50	9 50
May ..	9 72 1-2	9 72 1-2	9 72 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan. ..	8 35	8 37 1-2	8 37 1-2
May ..	8 67 1-2	8 70	8 70

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, firm, unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat 1.06 to 1.08; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.05 1-4 to 1.06 3-8. No. 2 corn 58 1-4 to 58 1-2; No. 2 yellow 58 1-2 to 58 3-4. No. 3 white oats 48 1-2 to 51 1-4. No. 2 rye 74. Good feeding barley 59 to 59 1-2. Fair to choice malting 61 to 64. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.56. Prime timothy seed 3.80 to 3.85. Clover contract grades 9.25. Short ribs, sides (loose) 7.87 1-2 to 8.37 1-2. Mess pork, per bbl. 14.87 1-2 to 15.00. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.50. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.50 to 8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 2.—Turpentine firm at 41 1-2. Rosin steady.

Charleston, Jan. 2.—Spirits turpentine quiet 37 3-4. Rosin quiet. Quote: A B C D and E, 2.92 1-2.

Don't Get A Divorce.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad health. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure constipation, causing bad breath and Liver Trouble the ill-temper, dispel colds, banish headaches, conquer chills. 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

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CLEARED.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 2, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—19 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 2 barrels rosin; 12 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine

W. & W. Railroad—296 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—655 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 32 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—51 bales cotton; 4 barrels rosin.

Str. Alice—3 barrels tar.

Str. City of Fayetteville—19 bales cotton; 55 barrels tar.

Schr. Josie D.—1 barrel tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. J. C. Allen—1 bale cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 30 barrels rosin; 34 barrels tar.

Schr. Addie May—1 bale cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 34 barrels rosin; 28 barrels tar.

Total—1,058 bales cotton; 15 casks spirits turpentine; 70 barrels rosin; 165 barrels tar; 25 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel F. Sheppard, 493 tons, Sheppard, C. D. Maffitt.

John H. May, 319 tons, Stille, C. D. Maffitt.

Kineo, 1,867 tons, Patton, C. D. Maffitt.

Rothesay, (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, C. D. Maffitt.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, church edifice Market and 17th streets Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon, "God." All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street: Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and again at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Bearden. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. First Sunday in New Year, English service of Confession and Absolution 10:30 A. M. English service with the Holy Communion 11 A. M. Vesper service 7:30 P. M. Midweek service Wednesday 8:15 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Annual meeting of the Sunday School 4:30 P. M., after the Sunday session. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector. Sunday services Morning Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Evening 5 P. M.

Second Advent Church, Sixth street, between Church and Castle, Rev. J. P. King, pastor: Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock and evening at 7 o'clock.

Services at Grace Church today: Preaching this morning at 11 o'clock and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor: Services today Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00. All welcome.

Services at St. James Church will be at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Cordial invitation is extended to all to attend 8 P. M. service, at which time there will be special music.

St. John's Church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector: Litany, sermon and Holy Communion 11 A. M. Offering for Diocesan Missions. Sunday School 4 P. M. Service with address 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.

Easy House Moving.

House moving is an easy task among the Lakas, a tribe living near the Lagone river, in the French Kongo, Africa. This tribe, which is one of the most superb examples of the savage black race, lives in conical shaped huts constructed of plaits of tough straw. When a change in location is desired, both the women and the men put their shoulders to the task and carry the roofs of their homes to the new site, sometimes many miles distant. The circular walls of the huts are rebuilt.

Who Whips?

The clergyman's little son was telling the small son of a parishioner of the dreadful fights which he and his sister indulged in.

"You don't mean to say that ministers' children fight?" replied the horrified little layman.

"Oh, yes."

"Who whips?"

"Mamma."—Exchange.

A Sure Test.

The schoolmaster put to his class the question: "Two jars of gas, one containing nitrogen and one carbon dioxide, are given. How may the gases be discriminated?"

One eager little pupil said: "Get a man, and let him take a deep breath of both. When he gets the carbon dioxide he'll die. That's the way to tell."

LAWS CONCERING SALE OF NATIVE WINES.

To the Public:—

In response to the many inquiries we received regarding the manufacture and sale of native wines under the State Prohibition Law is to-wit:

Wines can be made from native fruits, and can be sold at place of manufacture in quantities of 2 1-2 gallons or more; to be sold in bottles packed in cases or in vessels, crated. This means one or more than one kind of wine, but the total quantity must not be less than 2 1-2 gallons, delivered all the same time. These packages cannot be opened on the premises of the manufacturer and no wine can be consumed on the premises of our winery. Wines can be shipped out of the State in any quantity. We can sell in quantities of 2 1-2 gallons or more to licensed druggists and pharmacists in North Carolina, and to ministers and officers of churches for communion purposes in any quantity.

The law will be strictly observed by us.

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Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 2, 1909.
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One of our most respected citizens will be charged with the larceny of a PLYMOUTH ROCK ROOSTER. Regular Court Rules. Startling Developments. Ludicrous Situations. Local Hits. An evening of Refined Fun.

Prices, 50 cents.

Tickets on sale at Y. M. C. A. Office January 5th.

Open at 7:30. Court called at 8.

de 29-31 ja 2-3-5-6-7.

To the Heirs of S. A. Gilbert:—

Take notice that the undersigned did on May 4th, 1908, purchase from the Clerk and Treasurer and Tax Collector of the City of Wilmington, for the non-payment of city taxes for the year 1907, the following real estate listed in the name of the heirs of S. A. Gilbert, to-wit: Situate on the west side of 7th street, between Church and Castle streets, commencing 100 feet north from Castle street facing 38 feet on 7th street running back in a west course parallel with Castle street 106 feet, being northeastern part of lot 5 and a part of lot 4 in block 92. The time for redemption will expire on May 4th, 1909, and unless the same is redeemed in the manner prescribed by law the undersigned will apply for a deed for the same. Dated this 4th day of December, 1908.

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Buster Brown Leggins Red, Blue and Tan	75c

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THE EXPERIENCES OF SURVIVORS

They Tell of Scenes Witnessed at Time of Earthquakes.

HARROWING ACCOUNTS

Detailed by People Caught in Wreck of Buildings—Some Heroic Deeds Witnessed—Roosevelt Sends Aid—More Shocks.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Messina, Jan. 2.—The stories related by the earthquake survivors in the hospitals and at the food supply stations where rations are issued twice a day, all reflect the horror of the fateful 28th of December. There were many miraculous escapes but the cases of bereavement are without number. A cobbler named Francesco Missiano relates that immediately after the first shock he and his wife and children rushed out into the street. Fires were breaking out all around them. Hearing groans from a pile of debris nearby he made a hurried examination. He found two girls dying. The head of one was split open while the chest of the other had been crushed in. The cobbler picked up a baby, but it expired in his arms.

Seized with mad terror the man fled towards the sea. It took his party two hours and a half to traverse the heaps of ruins between his house and the water front. After placing his family in safety he returned to seek his mother and sisters, but he was obliged to give up the effort. It was impossible to make his way back to his home. During the 36 hours the cobbler passed among the ruins he did not see more than 5,000 or 6,000 survivors. This man owes his safey to the fact that he lived in a one-story house. He says that no help arrived for 30 hours after the catastrophe.

Signor Vidalia, the proprietor of a local newspaper, relates that he was superintending the printing of an edition when the shock came. He managed to get out to the street before the building in which he was collapsed. For the first 10 minutes after the initial shock one long cry of anguish seemed to rise from the city, then there was comparative silence of a short while. The worst shocks were over by 6 o'clock. Vidalia made his way to his home and found his family under the ruins.

As Vidalia was telling his tale a wild looking individual in strange clothing came up to the correspondent and Vidalia. "I also am bereft of all my family," he interrupted. "I now am alone in the world like you, Vidalia." It was evident that this man was half crazy. He had saved a daughter from the ruins, but his two sisters had been killed. Later he died of his injuries.

A countryman who came into the city after the disaster found his only brother dead. He carried the body on his shoulders back to his native village and buried it in the church yard.

An actress named Flora Partina recited that while she was lying half buried in wreckage she heard the voice of a lieutenant and artillery close at hand. The man had recognized her but his plight was worse than her own. "Signorina, for pity's sake save me. Call for some one to rescue us. Don't leave me. I was at the theatre last night and I applauded your singing. I have a mother; don't leave me to die." The woman was eventually dug out by some sailors. She remembered the lieutenant and led her rescuers to where he was pinned down. He also was saved.

The Mother Superior of the St. Vincent Military Hospital save a man and a woman at the risk of her own life. She released, alone and unaided, Colonel Minicci and his daughter from the ruins of their home.

A major of infantry was disinterred with the greatest difficulty. Half of his body had been freed when darkness came and the major told his rescuers that he was all right for the night and that they could come back in the morning. This programme was carried out and by 7 o'clock next morning the man was entirely freed.

An infant clothed in a night shirt was rescued well and unjured after having lain for four days on a square yard of flooring in a house that was otherwise entirely demolished.

There were three fresh earth shocks yesterday at —8:30 o'clock in the morning, and at 1:35 and 10:45 P. M. The last was the most severe and aroused widespread panic. The people encamped around the railroad station started on a mad flight, but having no place to go soon stopped irreolute. The women prayed and sang hymns. When the trembling ceased they returned to their temporary abodes to pass the night in fear and trepid.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Roosevelt tonight announced that he has sent two supply ships with $300,000 worth of supplies to Italy that he will ask Congress for additional aid and that he has offered the use of the battleship fleet to Italy.

President Roosevelt is engaged tonight in preparing his special message to Congress to be presented to that body when it convenes Monday, recommending suitable action on the part of this Government to express his substantial sympathy with the earthquake sufferers. A large amount of data on precedents on the aid being rushed from various quarters had been prepared for the President and was gone over carefully by him and Secretary Loeb.

When the President began his task the most perplexing problem was whether he should recommend the diversion of the supplies on the Celtic and the Culgoa, designed for the fleet of battleships now in the Suez or whether he should ask for a direct appropriation of $300,000 to be made immediately available for the relief.

The data prepared for him showed that in the Mount Pelee catastrophe the Government appropriated $200,000 for the relief of the sufferers. A committee of distinguished citizens was designated to visit the scene and disburse the money. A similar plan appealed very strongly to the President, certain modifications being suggested such as the selection of a committee of Americans now in Italy or the delegation of the American Ambassador or agents of the Red Cross, to attend to the disbursement of the money. The question which the President sought to determine was whether aid given in this way would not reach the sufferers sooner than by means of the naval supply ships now on the Atlantic, but many days sail from Sicily and Southern Italy.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The Figaro today publishes the following dispatch from Rome:

"As each day goes by the disaster appears more horrible, terrifying and immense. It is without precedent in the history of the world. In my earlier dispatches I spoke of over 150,000 dead. This number doubtless will be exceeded, for now it is conservatively estimated that 200,000 persons perished miserably in this staggering catastrophe and the worst is not yet known. The scourge has not yet done its final work.

The tremblings of the earth continue with sinister rumblings and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevasses. The sources of the streams are poisoned with putrid matter.

"In spite of herculean efforts the succor is still insufficinet. In the more remote regions the unhappy injured are dying for want of food and medical treatment. Dogs and swine, enraged by hunger, spring upon the wounded and devour them. Insatiable fire and uncontrolled famine will inexorably claim their victims."

Rome, Jan. 2.—Signor Rerao, the proprietor of the House in Messina where A. J. Ogston, the English Consul resided, arrived here today. He says that outside the consulate there has not been an American resident in Messina for 40 years past.

The part of the house where Serao lived did not fall. The Italian rushed out immediately after the first shock and met Stuart K. Lupton, the American Vice Consul, on the street. Together the two men made their way to the American consulate. They found it had collapsed completely, and they came to the conclusion that A. S. Cheney, the Consul, and his wife were dead. They made a hurried but unsuccessful search for the bodies. "I may be mistaken," said Signor Serao, "but it is my personal impression that with the exception of Mr. Cheney and his wife no Americans were killed or injured by the earthquake in Sicily."

TAFT AND THE SOUTH

To Visit Several Cities—Delegations Received Yesterday.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 2.—This was invitation day at the Taft cottage and the net rise extends Mr. Taft's Southern itinerary to include visits to Birmingham, Ala., and Athens, Ga., and to address the people of Augusta from the same street corner at which they once listened to President McKinley.

The Birmingham visit was induced by a large delegation of the prominent business and professional men from that city. Just when Mr. Taft will make this visit is left somewhat uncertain. If it is possible for him to do so the will go to Birmingham on his way north from Panama; if not, he will include that city in the itinerary which he will make for an extended Southern trip as soon as his duties as President will permit.

The Athens visit depends somewhat on the Atlanta committee of arrangements for the festivities to be held in that city on the 15th and 16th instant. If it is possible to do so, and Mr. Taft thinks it is, he will have his special car stopped at Athens on his return from Atlanta long enough to go to the State University and make an address.

Mr. Taft said today that his Cabinet would not be completed until March 4th. He added that he expected to make progress in that direction before he sailed for Panama, the inference being that some of the places will be filed and the announcements made before he sails. He said he should not consider foreign appointments until his Cabinet was complete.

PAPERS CONSOLIDATED.

"The Presbyterian of South" Title of New Religious Organ.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 2.—The movement which had its origin some months ago to consolidate the four great Presbyterian papers of the South, the Central Presbyterian, of Richmond, Va.; the Southern Presbyterian of Atlanta, Ga.; the Western Presbyterian of New Orleans, La., and the Presbyterian Standard of Charlotte, has been successfully carried out with the reception of the Presbyterian Standard of this city, which survived the merger. The Presbyterian of the South is the title of the consolidated organs and the deal became effective January 1st. The new paper, The Presbyterian of the South, made up of three other organs of the Southern Presbyterian church, will have its headquarters in Atlanta, but the editorial offices will continue to be maintained at Richmond, and New Orleans.

The combined paper will preserve all the local interests of those which it comprises and will reach many times more readers than any of the separate organs have been reaching in the past. The editors, associates and corresponding editors will all be retained.

John Willis, aged 40 years, was shot and killed at Booneford, N. C., yesterday by Sam Robinson. Willis was standing in the depot when Robinson walked up and begain firing. No cause is known. Robinson escaped.

Today at Lumina.

Concert at Lumina today. Cars every half hour in the afternoon. **

SHOTS FIRED AT STATE'S ATTORNEY

Prosecutor Caldwell in Night Riders Cases Had Narrow Eacape Last Night.

ASSAILANT IS UNKNOWN

Mrs. Wad Morris, Conscience Stricken, Returns to Stand and Tells The Truth—Defense Rests Its Case—The Details.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 2.—An attempt to assassinate Attorney General Caldwell was made at 9:30 o'clock tonight near his home here. He was followed from the depot by a man who shot at him twice as he neared his home.

Union City is not well lighted and as the man ran after firing the shots, the attorney general could not identify his assailant.

A little behind the attorney general was the local Associate Press correspondent who shot twice at the would-be murderer, but missed him.

The alarm was sounded and a cordon of soldiers and posse of citizens searched the neighborhood but without avail.

Union City, Jan. 2.—The defense rested its case in the night rider trials this afternoon and the State began its rebuttal testimony which will be concluded Monday. The grand jury likewise made its final return, including several indictments and was discharged.

When court adjourned until Monday, Mrs. Wad Morris, whose sensational confession of perjury today was the star feature of the trial occompanied by her husband and baby under the protection of six soldiers, left for Dresden, Weakly county, where she will live in the future. She was in such terror of her life that she did not even wait to get her other two children or her personal effects.

The State put but one witness on the stand before adjournment, Bob Curlin, driver of the hack which plies between Union City and Walnut Log on the lake. Curlin drove some of the defense's witnesses to Walnut Log the night the fish docks were burned and saw them leave his conveyance to join the night riders.

Asserting that on the witness stand yesterday she had deliberately perjured herself for the defense and conscience stricken, desired to tell the truth, Mrs. Wad Morris, wife of one of the eight alleged night riders, asked to be recalled today. Wad Morris swore he was present the night Captain Rankin was killed and recognized some of the defendants. Mrs. Morris, his wife, on the stand yesterday swore that her husband was at home that time. She left the stand pale and trembling and sent for the attorney general.

"I have done a great wrong," she said. "I have told a lie. My husband was not at home that night. He was with the riders. I was forced by my relatives to testify as I did. I want to see my husband."

Her brother-in-law tried to get her to leave the city with him but the attorney general ordered him away and took Mrs. Morris to her husband. The meeting of the young husband and wife, separated since October 20th, was silent but pathetic.

After alibi witnesses had been called today the attorney general asked that Mrs. Morris be permitted to correct her testimony. She took the stand and said:

"I was pursuaded to tell a lie yesterday on the stand. I was told by Joe Hogg and Jack Long that unless I swore that my husband was at home that night the soldiers would hang him. They also threatened me and I was afraid, so I told this lie. Now, I want to tell the truth."

The witness bore the taunts and inuendoes of the defense's attorneys and the glares of the indicted men patiently, but she was badly frightened and often seemed on the point of collapsing. She declared the attorney general refused to listen to her until she had summoned some of her relatives to advise her.

The defense attempted to show show that some of the accused men were Odd Fellows. Judge Jones sharply shut out the testimony with the remark: "Odd Fellows must be tried the same as anyone else in this court."

RECEIVERS FOR RAILROAD.

The Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Defaults in Its Interest.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—Judge Don Pardee, of the United States Circuit Court today appointed President H. M. Atkinson and Vice President P. S. Arkwright receivers for the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad.

The petition gives as grounds for requesting the receivership that the company is unable at this time to meet the interest due on its debts. It says that the receivership is friendly and is designed for the best interests of all interested. The president says there is no doubt of the ability of the company to meet obligations if given sufficient time. The panic of 1907 is cited as the principal reason for the road's present condition. The petition says that there is due in interest $732,200. The only interest paid on January 1st, was on Atlanta & Birmingham Railway bonds.

Total outstanding bonds are given as $14,443,000, not including $4,090,000 in bonds reserved by the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston.

Boston, Jan. 2.—The Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic bonds were underwritten by H. W. Poor & Co., the Boston firm which assigned last week.

AFFAIRS IN VENEZUELA

Conference Over American Situation. Another Slight Uprising.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Jan. 1. Via Willemstad, Curacao, Jan. 2.—Conferences between W. I. Buchanan, the special commissioner from the United States, and Foreign Minister Guaneaud, looking to the settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Venezuela have begun.

President Gomez yesterday revoked the decree of May 14th, preventing the trans shipment of goods at Curacao destined for Venezuela. Gomez now signs himself officially as President of the republic.

There has been another little outbreak in the State of Guracoa. The Governor of this locality, a man named Mendable, killed a Gomez appointee named Bricow, raided the local arsenal and is now in the open country with a few followers. The movement is not regarded as serious.

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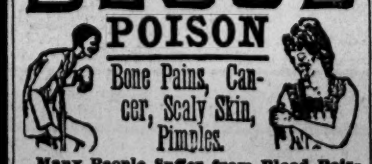

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You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance of the City of Wilmington, N. C., will be held on the 4th day of January, 1909, at 8 o'clock P. M., at its offices, for the purpose of taking action in relation to the issuance and sale of Four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000) Water and Sewerage bonds, pursuant to the authority of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, entitled "An Act to allow the City of Wilmington to issue bonds for water and sewerage," ratified the second day of March, 1907, and the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said City at the regular election of the Board of Aldermen, held May 7th, 1907.

H. C. McQUEEN,
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